Reviewer's report

**Title:** Asymptomatic presentation of huge extradural hematoma in a patient with arachnoid cyst (Case report and review of the literature)

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting case report describing an unusual presentation of a large epidural hematoma in a patient with an arachnoid cyst. The case is well described and the radiographs are impressive. The literature is well-reviewed of other previous cases. In addition, the authors make the worth-while recommendation to obtain radiographic imaging of patients with an abnormal head shape after minor trauma. Several things should be added/changed:

1. Did the grade II papilledema resolve after evacuation of the hematoma?
2. What specific mechanisms or predisposing factors can the authors propose for this bleed to occur epidurally rather than the much more common subdural or intracycstic bleeds?
3. Several spelling errors should be corrected: "yeard" in the Case Presentation
section, as well as "brain computerized scan" which should probably be "computed tomography scan". CBC should not be abbreviated. There should be a period after "no neuroradiological investigation had been performed".

4. Although the English is understandable, the quality of the article would be greatly improved by some revisions of a native English speaker to help with grammar, etc.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.