Reviewer's report

**Title:** Cauda Equina Syndrome as the Initial Presenting Clinical Feature of Medulloblastoma: A Case Report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

Is the case report authentic?: No

Is the case report ethical?: No

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:

The authors report unusual presentation of cerebellar medulloblastoma with caudal equina syndrome.

The presented the case well and adequately managed.

However, you did not site one of the earliest reports (1974, from Spain) who first described this presentation in medulloblastoma (1).

The spinal cord / caudal equina / nerve roots first presentation syndrome of medulloblastoma was previously reported and discussed briefly.

The later presentation, previously reported (1998), was not mentioned and was not referenced (2).

A table of the previously reported paraplegia as first presentation of
medulloblastoma will be a good addition.

One question, not surly could be answered here, is the outcome of reported such cases compared to cases with classic drop metastasis.

The conclusion should be rephrased that patient present with paraplegia showing intramedullary or cauda equina lesions, show raise a suspicion, especially in children, of association with intracranial tumors.

References:

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.