Reviewer’s report

Title: Intramedullary spinal cord metastasis from prostate carcinoma: 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?: 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?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

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?: No

Comments to authors:

This case report describes a rare case of an intramedullary spinal cord metastasis (ISCM) of prostate cancer which was treated by surgery and radiosurgical boost to the resection cavity. I am not very impressed by the fact that this is the first reported prostate ISCM as ISCM are rare and remain mostly undiagnosed during life time. The concept the authors suggest does sound to be reasonable due to the experience of brain treatments but this case vignette cannot proof if the concept is in fact favorable for the patient as follow up is very short (3 months). I also miss postoperative MRI imaging. I suggest to wait at least 6 months to gain more clinical information and add treatment plans with isodose configuration and relevant post treatment MRI.

Quality of written English: Acceptable