Reviewer's report

Title: Thrombosed Traumatic Aneurysm of the Occipital Artery: Case Report and Review of the Literature

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Reviewer: Cristian Gragnaniello

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

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?: 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1) The Authors emphasize the importance of considering a traumatic aneurysm in their differential and how important this is in order to avoid important bleeding in the pediatric population, could they please add some more information in regards to the arterial bleeding they had during surgery, what happened and why? Was the aneurysm unexpected, was there a problem with the dissection?

2) The Authors emphasize the role for duplex scanning, CT angio and DSA in the work up, could they explain in what situations MRI is sufficient to take the patient to OR?

3) This is a very interesting case and well documented and has the potential to become a good reference especially for residents and young surgeons. Could
the Authors give some more information in regards to the pathogenesis of a traumatic aneurysm but also traumatic pseudoaneurysm?

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests