Reviewer’s report

Title: Giant intradiploic epidermoid cyst with large osteolytic lesions of the skull: a case report.

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Reviewer: Andreas AR Raabe

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Conservative versus operative management of a slow growing mass lesion that compresses the brain

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?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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 or a rare Giant intradiploic epidermoid cyst with large osteolytic lesion of the skull. The unique feature of this case report is the slow growing mass lesion that exists for 40-years. Despite the obvious mass effect and brain compression, this has not led to an impairment of the patients quality of live. The lesson from this case is that we may stay more conservative in some cases and individual discussion has to be performed with the patient about a surgical consequence of a conservative management also in this large lesions.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

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No conflict of interests