Reviewer's report

Title: Cerebral aneurysm presenting with inflammation or aseptic meningitis?
Case report

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Reviewer: Jonathan Edlow

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

In the case presentation, I assume you meant to say 0.6 cm, not 0.6 mm.

In the discussion, you incorrectly say that neuroradiologists interpreted the scans for both the Perry and the Backes articles (it's true of the Dutch study but not the Canadian one).

Although it may not be parsimonious, it's quite possible that the patient did have viral meningitis followed by SAH. It's also possible that the subarachnoid inflammation led to the aneurysmal rapid growth. Were any viral studies done on the blood or CSF at the time of the meningitis? As this is a case report, I don't think that you can so summarily eliminate this possibility.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.