Reviewer's report

Title: Destruction of the Skull from Intracranial Metastasis Arising From Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Lung: A Case Report

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

If other, please specify:

No.

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?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

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:

Dear Authors,

I have a few comments on your manuscript.

Since metastatic or by direct invasion soft tissue lesions are well recognised in both NSCLC (Mollet et al, 2009) and SCLC, how can you be sure that:

1st: The soft tissue lesion (which you describe as a “palpable swelling”) is a malignant one? Did you perform a biopsy for confirmation? I think that you did not.
2nd: The primary metastatic site was the intracranial one extending to the soft tissue, and not the opposite (soft tissue metastasis with extension to the bone). You mention in the Case Report section that “there was soft tissue components extending intra and extracranially.” Did you perform a series of x-rays or CT-scans that would help identify where the lesion started from (bone or soft tissue)?

I would appreciate if you answer these questions.

Thank you for providing us with an interesting manuscript.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.