Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

The Results on the multivariate analysis on CSF/blood glucose ratio as an independent predictive factor of mortality from CM must be revised. The OR should be >1.0 if compared to patients with normal CSF/blood glucose level.

The Results on the cox regression analysis of CSF/Blood glucose ratio on survival duration must be presented as Kaplan-Meier survival curves.

Besides mortality, the neurological functional status of the surviving patients need to be classified according to the modified Rankin Scale (mRS) score.

The Discussion is poorly written as there is no comparison from findings of other studies on prognosis and independent predictors of mortality and poor prognosis.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

No conflicts of interests.