Author's response to reviews

Title: A case of meningococcal meningitis with multiple cerebellar microbleeds detected by susceptibility-weighted imaging

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Reviewer: Esther Verstraete

Reviewer's report:

In the case-report ‘A case of meningococcal meningitis with multiple cerebellar microbleeds detected by susceptibility-weighted imaging’ the authors describe MRI detected cerebellar microbleeds, as a rarely recognised and probably very rare complication of meningococcal meningitis.

The comments and questions I previously posed to the authors were adequately addressed, however I do have a few minor comments.

Minor comments:

1) Discussion, first sentence. I suggest to rephrase this sentence to:

‘We report a case of meningitis due to N. meningitides in which the patient’s SWI findings indicated diffuse microbleeds in the cerebellum.’

Line 115-116; We have rephrased the first sentence in Discussion as you suggested.

2) Abstract and Conclusion, first sentence. I think this conclusion is too strong, I
would be very cautious making a general statement based on these findings.

Suggestion:

‘We report on a case of meningococcal meningitis in which we identified cerebellar microbleeds using SWI.’

Line 41-42 and 150-151; We totally agreed that our previous sentence was too strong to conclude, so we have rephrased the sentence as you suggested.

Reviewer: Abdelaziz Elnekidy

Reviewer's report:

I have reviewed it and agreed the corrections.

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript.