Reviewer's report

Title: Pseudo - subarachnoid haemorrhage due to chronic hypoxaemia: Case report and review of the literature

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This is an interesting article and observation. However, I feel that when describing something NEW one must prove that this is not something already observed. I understand that the patient’s headache was not classic, however, that is not uncommon in clinical practice. To assume that a coagulopathic patient with a headache and appearance of acute subarachnoid hemorrhage on CT scan does not have an associated aneurysm, or even an AVM, based on non-invasive imaging alone can be difficult to defend, especially when presenting this as a case of "pseudo SAH". This patient should have undergone at least a lumbar puncture, and DSA to definitively prove the absence of subarachnoid blood and aneurysm before concluding as such.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No