Reviewer's report

Title: Intracisternal tuberculoma: a refractory type of tuberculoma indicating surgical intervention

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Interesting article

Strengths:

1. Surgery was performed on all the tuberculoma.

2. Good neuroimages pre and post op.

3. Beautiful intraop pictures.

4. Description of paradoxical tuberculoma.

5. Two patients with spinal tuberculoma were recruited (including one rare intradural extramedullary).

6. Common location of paradoxical tuberculoma in the brain was described.

Needs improvement in:

1. Grammatical errors and spelling mistakes were present.

2. The manuscript was too long. Suggest to reduce the number of words in all the parts of the manuscript especially the introduction (background section).

3. Suggest to categorist the sentences in methodology and results properly.
4. What was the exclusion criteria?

5. What was the sensitivity of the CSF mycobacterial culture (if present) to ATT?

6. Did all the tuberculoma show granuloma on HPE?

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