Reviewer’s report

Title: Glioblastoma Multiforme in Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome: a case report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This case report informs about an interesting and not yet seen association of two diseases. Especially surgeons and radiologist should be aware of this combination in order to minimize complications in future. The report is very informative and obviously well written; I only have a few minor suggestions which might be an improvement to this paper:

1. Case Presentation:

In total this case was presented in a very detailed and comprehensible way. However, while reading about the MRI examination of the patient, I was wondering if any contrast media was given. If not, were there any specific contraindications for contrast media which were caused by the disease? Without any contraindications this would be a good method to exclude GBM before
operation.

2. Case Presentation:
Concerning the patient himself, it would be interesting for the reader to know how long ago this disease was diagnosed and how long the patient lived after the presented operation before he died. If known, the exact cause of death may also be an interesting piece of information which could be provided. This would make this case report more transparent.

3. Discussion:
The discussion provides a very good overview of the information known about the diseases and assesses how this knowledge can be used in the future. There was, however, one thing I would have wished to read about more clearly: the report mentions “Necessary preparatory steps” which “should be taken to avoid complications” if something similar to this case should occur. But except for the few suggestions given by mentioning other reports in the last paragraph this matter has not been explored thoroughly. It might be enlightening for the reader if some concrete statement was given how these “preparatory steps” could look like.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.