Reviewer’s report

Title: A case report of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma involving Meckel’s cave masquerading as biopsy-negative giant cell arteritis

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Reviewer: Malik Ghannam

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Yes

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8. Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?
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This article discusses Meckel Cave lesion causing multiple cranial neuropathy in a confusing picture made it to be misdiagnosed as GCA. I think it is a good clinical case and worth publishing with minor thing to add as a teaching point which is the following:

1. Line 114, you mentioned that Meckel disease can cause trigeminal neuralgia, facial numbness and diplopia. could you please elaborate more in the case presentation what type of diplopia the patient had (horizontal, vertical, diagonal etc) and discuss in the discussion section how Meckel's lesion can cause diplopia (compression on the cavernous sinus ).
2. I would mention the anatomy of mackles cave and it is relationship to the surrounding structures in the discussion part

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