Author’s response to reviews

Title: Bradycardia and syncope as sole manifestations of cranial lesion

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Reviewer reports:

• Add a paragraph at the end of the Introduction that explains why this case report is presented (what is unique and adds to the medical knowledge).
A paragraph was added at the end of the background section as requested.

What medications was the patient receiving prior to diagnosis? Patient had a past medical history of hypertension treated with ramipril.
Did the patient smoke, and/or consume alcohol? He is a non-smoker, social drinker, retired engineer and lives with his wife in a house, completely independent in his daily activities.

• Give detailed physical and neurological examination on admission.
• What was the pulse, blood pressure and temperature, on admission?
On examination, his temperature was 36.9, blood pressure - 135/85, oxygen saturation - 98% on room air and respiratory rate - 12. His heart rate was 54. Central nervous system, peripheral nervous system, chest, heart and abdominal examinations were normal. There was no chest pain.

• Give the doses of all medications that were given and their doses.
He was discussed on MDT and was treated with 8mg dexamethasone

• Give information about follow-up for at least 6 months.
He is currently asymptomatic and has no syncopal episodes.

• Discussion – add a paragraph at the beginning of the Discussion that summarizes the case and describes what is unique in this case compared to what is available in the literature.
The Discussion is too short and superficial. Please briefly review the literature discussing diagnosis and treatment.
A paragraph was added at the beginning of discussion and the rest of discussion was expanded as requested. There are very few cases in existing literature, therefore the discussion is limited.
Add a Conclusion section should include the lessons learned from the presented case. It is currently too short and superficial.
Conclusion was expanded as requested