

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: When One Isn't Enough: A Clinical Case of Multiple Tuberculous Subdural Empyemas

Recommendation:

- ✓ Accept as it is
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

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Date: 02/10/2025

Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

This case report addresses a rare and important clinical entity with substantial clinical relevance. With improvements in structural organization, language, and depth of discussion, it can significantly contribute to the field.

Reviewer's Comment / Report

Strengths

- Unique Case Presentation:** The paper discusses a rare and complex presentation of multiple tuberculous subdural empyemas, which contributes valuable insights to neuroinfectious disease literature.
- Comprehensive Clinical Details:** The report provides thorough clinical, radiological, microbiological, and therapeutic data, offering a holistic view of diagnosis and management.
- Imaging and Microbiological Correlation:** Use of advanced imaging techniques like MRI with diffusion-weighted sequences and successful microbiological identification (PCR, culture) strengthen the diagnostic process.
- Clear Therapeutic Approach:** The combination of surgical drainage and prolonged anti-tuberculosis chemotherapy is well documented, aligning with best-practice recommendations.

Weaknesses and Areas for Improvement

- Structural Clarity:** The paper would benefit from clearer section headings (e.g., Introduction, Case Presentation, Discussion, Conclusion) to enhance readability.
- Language and Grammar:** There are minor grammatical errors and awkward phrasing throughout. For example, in the abstract and introduction, sentences like "Her condition worsened with the onset of dysarthria and right-sided facial weakness, followed by a generalized tonic-clonic seizure." could be rephrased for clarity and conciseness. Typos such as "intractable headaches associated with nausea and vomiting of 5 days duration, which have been treated symptomatically" should be revised for grammatical accuracy ("which had been treated symptomatically").
- Reference Formatting:** The references are not uniformly formatted; ensuring consistent citation style (e.g., Vancouver or AMA format) would improve professionalism.
- Imaging Figures:** Inclusion of high-quality, properly labeled images with legends is essential. Some figure references are present, but the images themselves are not included in the pages provided.
- Discussion Depth:** A more detailed discussion on differential diagnosis, pathophysiology of tuberculous empyema, and comparison with similar cases from literature would enrich the paper.

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Recommendations for Modifications

- **Language and Style:** Conduct a thorough grammar and language review. Consider professional editing to improve clarity and flow.
- **Organization:** Add clear section headings. For example, explicitly separate "Introduction," "Case Report," "Discussion," and "Conclusion" for better reader navigation.
- **Figures and Tables:** Insert high-quality images with descriptive legends. Ensure all imaging findings discussed are visually supported.
- **Literature Review:** Incorporate recent literature to compare this case with other reported cases of neurotuberculosis and subdural empyemas.
- **Expand Discussion:** Elaborate on the pathogenesis, diagnostic challenges, and the significance of early intervention.
- **References:** Compile references uniformly according to journal guidelines and include relevant recent studies.