

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

thank you for providing me to review the case report. please describe the drug history.  
please consider CT Scan (or MRI) Image and report.

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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this case report, the authors described a case of VZV viral meningitis after spinal after spinal anesthesia for varicose vein stripping surgery. This case report is well written, and it has clinical significance for clinicians in the field, especially for the differential diagnosis of post-spinal-anesthesia headache. The authors may discuss the potential etiology for such infection and the prevention strategies. I think this case report could be published after minor revision.

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Headache is one of the most common complications following spinal anesthesia for surgery, often related to a decrease in cerebrospinal fluid. However, headache after viral meds is a rare, reported cause in the literature (NEJM-2000). The authors have made outstanding arguments and are well prepared for this paper. --- In this article, I consider that the indication for PCR and bacterial culture is the most important decision to find the cause of the disease. Therefore, this must be emphasized in the discussion and conclusion.