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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The topic selection is valuable, based on reality, the case is detailed and complete, the characteristic of the case is grasped, and the entire diagnosis and treatment process is described in chronological order. Through the description of the medical records, it is helpful to deepen the understanding of the disease.

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Foot drop caused by common peroneal nerve compression as a result of popliteal cyst occurs rarely, therefore, this case was reported. The finding was diagnosed based on ultrasound, MRI and Motor Nerve Conduction study and Needle electromyography, after all, they suggested right common peroneal neuropathy. For the treatment the patient had ultrasound guided cyst aspiration, Four weeks after rehabilitation therapy, the strength of the extensors of the ankle and the toe improved. And EMG was preformed after two months after aspiration, The Compound motor action potentials (CMAP) of the right DPN showed increased amplitude compared to that in the first EMG. Two months later, recurrence happened, that ensure surgical resection is the best treatment can be offered. Four weeks after the operation, the strength of muscles innervated by common peroneal nerve improved. One year later, showed normal gait pattern.

specific comments/suggestions

- 1.The title is Similar to another article title (2018), therefore, doing some changes will strength the article.
- 2.The text was clear and simple to understand, although there are a few language mistakes.
- 3.Abstract: almost cover the main points of the article.
- 4.Introduction: explained the concept of the main points.
- 5.The case was presented with patient history, signs and symptoms, the treatment he had previously, radiological and histological images and other studies to support the case.
- 6.Discussion: further explanation of the case and its diagnosis and treatment
- 7.Conclusion: very simple What's the difference between the intraneural ganglion cyst and Baker's cyst ? Based on magnetic resonance and intraoperative photographs, the diagnosis is more likely to intraneural ganglion cyst. In this area, the presence of joint branch needs to be probed.

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