

Responses to Reviewers and editor

We thank you for the comprehensive and thoughtful review, which helped improve the manuscript substantially. All the points raised have been addressed, based on which the manuscript were revised carefully. Every change to the text was highlighted with red font, which as well as responses to the questions are detailed below.

Reviewer 1

***Major 1.** The case presentation of Case 1 is insufficient as it contains little information regarding this patient. In addition, methodology of autopsy is unnecessary for case presentation.*

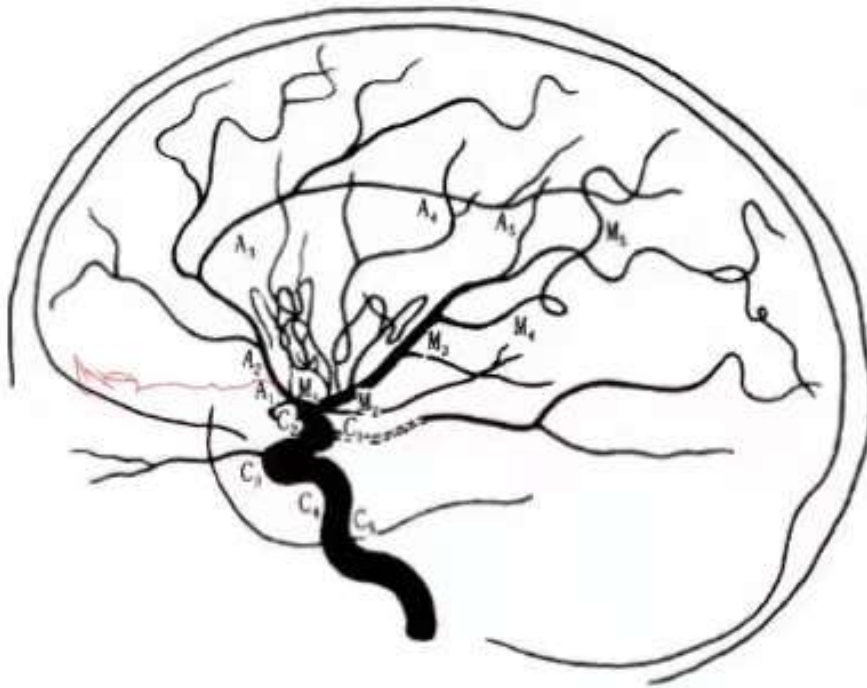
Response: Thank you for pointing out the issue. In the revised manuscript, the patient information has been provided and the autopsy methodology has been removed (Page 4, Lines 88-94).

***Minor 1.** (Abstract) Conclusion is too long and redundant. It should be summarized.*

Response: Thank you for the suggestion. We have refined the conclusion of the Abstract in the revised manuscript (Pages 2-3, Lines 54-58).

2. I worry that it's somewhat difficult to understand the presented rare anatomy variants of craniocerebral artery. Schematic illustrated figures of anatomy variants accompanied by autopsy and DSA image can help readers' understanding.

Response: The reviewer's suggestion was given full consideration. Accordingly, in the revised Figures, schematic illustrated pictures of anatomy variants have been provided with autopsy and DSA images.



Reviewer 2

Abstract. *It appears with some errors. Its background contains findings of the current cases. Case summary may be increased by including a brief about two cases of the paper. Also, the abbreviation "A1" should be clarified at the first appearance.*

Response: Thank you for the insightful suggestion. In the revised manuscript, the findings of the current cases have been deleted from the background. A brief description of the two cases was moved to the Case summary. The abbreviation of A1 has been clarified upon the first appearance (Page 2, Lines 40-51).

Conclusion *of abstract is so much. Please, reduce it.*

Response: Thank you for the suggestion. We have refined the conclusion of the Abstract in the revised manuscript (Pages 2-3, Lines 54-58).

CASE PRESENTATION. Please, delete the titles appearing in this section. Only, you may retain the Case 1 & Case 2 titles.

Response: Thank you for the suggestion. However, the journal requires all the case reports being presented in the format shown in the manuscript.

There are some errors in some words like this "embrynic". Please, recheck all parts of the paper.

Response: Thank you so much for pointing out the error. We have corrected it (Page 5, Line 137) and rechecked the text thoroughly and carefully to ensure accuracy and readability of the manuscript.

FIGURES *Quality of Fig. 1 is not so good. You may replace it by other photograph. Shape legends are also not easy to understand. Each anatomic structure appearing in the figure should be directly followed by its symbol appearing on the photographs. Also, there are other structures appearing without symbols such as dural mater. This word "dural mater" appears incorrect. The correct is dura mater.*

Response: I'm so sorry, the hard drive that saved the original image is damaged. We tried to repair it, but it was not successful. Each anatomic structure appearing in the figure has been followed by its symbol appearing on the photographs. The word "dural mater" has been corrected as "dura mater" and dura mater has appeared with a red arrow.

Company editor-in-chief

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