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Aneurysm Masquerading as a Pure Seller Lesion

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A 75-year-old patient presented to our clinic with a history of sudden severe headache for the last 1 day. He had no significant past medical or surgical illnesses. His neurological examination was significant only for the presence of subtle neck rigidity. His brain radioimaging revealed a sellar lesion [Figure 1]. However,

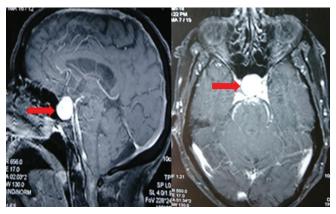


Figure 1: Magnetic resonance images revealing a pure intrasellar lesion

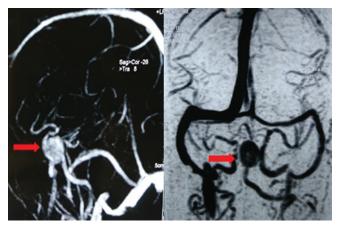


Figure 2: Magnetic resonance angiography revealing an aneurysm at the cavernous segment of internal carotid artery aneurysm

on additional vascular imaging, it turned out to be a probable superior hypophyseal artery aneurysm masquerading as a pure sellar lesion [Figure 2]. The diagnosis was explained to the patient party and the management plans were detailed. However, the relatives opted to take the patient home.

Aneurysm presenting as a pure sellar lesion is a rare entity.^[1] It is therefore prudent to keep it as a differential diagnosis in any sellar pathology and evaluate it through angiography, thereby preventing catastrophic complications during their surgical management.^[2]

Declaration of patient consent

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