Neurocysticercosis

Sir,

I read with interest the article by Ntusi and Horsfall.1 The authors may not have considered neurocysticercosis, the most common parasitic disease of the central nervous system, as a possible diagnosis in the case described. Neurological manifestations of echinococcosis and neurocysticercosis are similar. While the patient’s serology for echinococcosis was positive, a cross reaction with Taenia solium infection is a major problem.2–4 Also, prolonged therapy with albendazole is effective for neurocysticercosis.5 Attempts to search for Taenia must be made before the authors conclude that such cysts are caused from echinococcosis.

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