Letter

Symptomatic cyst of choroid plexus of the lateral ventricle.

SIR,—Except for colloid cyst of the third ventricle, choroidal cysts of the ventricular system are usually small sized and asymptomatic lesions.¹ Only five symptomatic cysts of the lateral ventricles have been reported previously.²⁻⁶ We report a new case of symptomatic choroidal cyst of the lateral ventricles whose only clinical manifestation was focal epilepsy.

The patient is a 20 year old man with sensorial jacksonian seizures on the right arm and face for the last six years. Neurological examination, skull X-rays and gammaencephalography were normal. EEG showed a left temporal focus. A gas ventriculography showed a rounded mass in the atrium of the left lateral ventricle (figure).

At operation, a translucent smooth walled cyst, containing CSF, attached to the choroid plexus was removed. The walls consisted of fibrous tissue

lined with cuboidal choroidal cells. Four years after operation, the patient is free of seizures.

Although it has been pointed out that most of the ventricular cysts are of colloid type because of their contents, our case shows that some of the intraventricular choroid cysts contain normal CSF and can produce a clinical disorder without obstructing the CSF pathways.

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Figure Gas ventriculography showing the intraventricular mass in the left lateral ventricle.