Dural ectasia in Marfan syndrome

A 29-year-old man was admitted to the hospital with intermittent recurrent episodes of back pain confined to the sacral area. During the course of his workup an MR examination was performed (figure).

Marfan syndrome\(^1\) is an inherited multisystemic connective tissue disorder diagnosed by a combination of major and minor diagnostic criteria in each body system.

Dural ectasia\(^2\) is a dilation of the dural sac and it is considered one of the major diagnostic criteria of Marfan syndrome; aortic dilation is considered one of the minor diagnostic criteria in the cardiovascular system.

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