A 5-year-old boy with no familial history presented with macrocrania, dilated facial veins, and intracranial bruit at auscultation of the skull. MRI showed a giant supracallosal venous ectasia typical of a macrofistula (figure). Cerebral angiography confirmed the diagnosis. Macrofistulas are rare cerebral vascular malformations (1.6%) frequently seen in children with hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT) or capillary malformation–arteriovenous malformation disorders. In case of HHT, any associated pulmonary fistula has to be ruled out: left untreated, HHT would carry a risk of brain abscess or stroke. Treatment of the macrofistula is necessary to prevent complications due to hydrovenous disorders or hemorrhage.
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