Author's response to reviews

Title: Progressive dementia associated to ataxia and obesity in patients with Tropheryma whipplei encephalitis

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To the Editor in Chief, BMC Infectious Diseases

Dear editor,

Please find our answers (in bold) to the reviewer request for the manuscript of “Obesity and progressive dementia associated with *Tropheryma whipplei*” from Fenollar et al. for BMC Infectious Diseases. The modifications are marked in blue in the text.

**Reviewer's report:**

This is my second review of this manuscript and I have reviewed the authors responses to my comments. I feel they have satisfactorily addressed almost all of my comments, but have a few final issues to be addressed:

1. I understand that they want to make the point of the association of obesity and *T. whipplei* encephalitis. I still believe this is an unusual association, but I think this can be addressed by a change in the title of their article to the following: "Progressive dementia associated with ataxia or obesity in patients with *Tropheryma whipplei* encephalitis."

**As suggested, we have modified our title for "Progressive dementia associated with ataxia or obesity in patients with *Tropheryma whipplei* encephalitis."**
2. In the abstract on line 51, it should be a new clinical condition in patients with dementia and obesity or ataxia linked to *T. whipplei* that may be cured with antibiotics.

As suggested, we delete our previous sentence: “We describe a new clinical entity in patients with dementia and obesity linked to *T. whipplei* that maybe cured by antibiotics.” instead we say: “We describe a new clinical condition in patients with dementia and obesity or ataxia linked to *T. whipplei* that may be cured with antibiotics.”

3. Line 249, it should be patients 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Line 249, we have performed the corrections.

4. Line 282. I would remove the line "Their outcome could have been fatal if they had not been treated." It is a supposition that may or may not be relevant.

As suggested, line 282, we have deleted the sentence.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Sincerely yours,

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