Reviewer’s report

Title: Obesity and progressive dementia associated with Tropheryma whipplei

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Reviewer: Lynne Sloan

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1. Interesting work. Based on the few patients and the limited literature, I am not certain I would conclude this is a clinical entity of middle aged men.

Minor revisions:
1. pg. 4, line 73 - change send to sent
2. pg.6, line 146 - remove a - should read developed hepatitis and obesity.
3. pg. 11, line 248-249 - The sentence starting with, "Several viruses have been..., does not make sense. Please revise.
4. Pg 12 conclusion - consider removing the statement about a clinical entity in middle-aged men. There is limited data to support this statement.
5. pg 23, table 1, patient 4 - under follow-up, what is lost of vue?
6. pg 23, table 1, patient 5 - under follow-up - should be after, not fater
7. The legends under the tables should indicate what patients were tested at your facility and which patients were from your literature review. It is not clear what data is from the literature review and what data is your work.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'