Reviewer’s report

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

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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."

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.

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

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.

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.