Reviewer’s report

Title: Transverse Myelitis and acute HIV infection: a case report

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Discretionary Revisions

The case report is very interesting and well described. The discussion at the end of the manuscript is challenging and useful for the clinician.

I have just few questions which could improve the clarity of the paper:

1. Is it possible to report the specific proteins which turned out positive in the indeterminate Inno-Lia test? We would expect that the repeated test, although still indeterminate, could have more positive bands, thus confirming the diagnosis of acute HIV seroconversion. The same request for the wife of the patient.

2. Was the diagnosis of HIV-related acute transverse myelitis a diagnosis of exclusion? It seems so, but it should be written overtly

3. Why was the diagnosis of post-infectious myelitis following acute gastroenteritis excluded?

4. Would it be possible to have in the paper also the magnetic resonance images?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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