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Title: Usefulness of Multimodal MR Imaging in the Differential Diagnosis of HaNDL and Acute Ischemic Stroke

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Dear sir:

We submit a new revised version of the manuscript entitled “Usefulness of Multimodal MR Imaging in the Differential Diagnosis of HaNDL and Acute Ischemic Stroke”. We have highlighted (red color) the relevant changes made in the previous text, and copyedit the paper to improve the style of written English.

Regarding Ethics, in Spain it is not necessary to call the hospital’s Clinical Ethics Committee to ask for permission to publish a case in which the standard medical procedure was followed and no procedure or treatment involving risk to the patient was performed. However, our University Hospital has a Consent Form to obtain a patient's permission for the publication of information related to him/her in scientific journals. This form, signed by the patient, is herein attached. For obvious reasons, it is written in Spanish.

With regard to thrombolytic treatment, in Europe this therapy is only allowed to treat stroke less than 3 hours after onset. Our hospital, as recommended by the American and European guidelines, also administered it for stroke between 3 to 4.5 hours of evolution, after informed consent, but only if Multimodal MRI with perfusion imaging/diffusion-weighted imaging mismatch exits. Because thrombolysis was not finally administered, there was no signature of informed consent in this regard.

We would be pleased to provide additional information if requested. Thank you for your attention to our submission.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Tomás Segura