Reviewer’s report

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

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1. I am a bit dissapointed in the answer of the authors concercing the modality to choose in a case differentiating between stroke and HANDL (CT/MRI/TCD). Did they really check the literature to look for answers (to differentiate between stroke and stroke mimics?) I suspect that this case report is of value with adding such an alinea.

2. I have concerns using the word ‘stroke code’ patients. In the Netherlands this term is not used (or not familiar) and using the term in PUBMED reveals a lot of terms/articles with different ‘code’ meanings (‘genetic code, triage code, rehabilitation code .....)

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'