Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Sporadic Fatal Insomnia in Texas: A pre-mortem diagnostic challenge: Case report

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**Reviewer:** James Ironside

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This is a well written and clearly presented manuscript that describes a case of sporadic fatal insomnia. This rare disease is difficult to diagnose in life, and the authors give a clear account of the clinical history, neuropathological and biochemical findings. The results are well illustrated and the discussion covers all relevant areas relating to the case, including the issue of the frequency of sleep disturbance in the commoner forms of sporadic human prion disease. The bibliography is comprehensive.

Overall, I found this an excellent manuscript that is likely to be of wide interest to the readership of BioMed Central. I have no criticisms to raise concerning this manuscript.

**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.