Reviewer's report

Title: Cerebral hypoxia, missing cortical somatosensory evoked potentials and recovery of consciousness

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Reviewer: Eric Rosenthal

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The manuscript seeks to characterize and draw conclusions from a case of HIE in which there are focal MRI findings.

Overall the findings are unique and the long-term follow-up is of potential interest to readers.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
None

Minor essential revisions:
1) The timeline is slightly confusing with relative terms used such as 3 months later, following a 3 year initial history. Better would be to refer to all times as relative to a time zero of the initial ictus. This change should be relatively straightforward. The other approach would be a figure showing a timeline of the patient's illness. Given the quality of writing, I would favor the latter approach of a pictorial timeline.

Discretionary Revisions:
1) The raw SSEP waves and/or a sample of raw EEG (non-sedated) could also be added to make the case a stronger presentation.

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:
no