Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of the clinical context on the 14-3-3 test for the diagnosis of sporadic CJD

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Reviewer: Pierluigi Gambetti

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General
Although the authors have made negligible changes to the text, they provide a reasonable reply to the criticisms raised by this reviewer. Still the decision of considering all tests with “traces” of 14-3-3 as negative seems arbitrary and the rationale given is unconvincing. Actually, it is probably the only cause of the lower sensitivity and higher specificity found in this study.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)


What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'