Reviewer's report

Title: Human Immunodeficiency Virus seroconversion presenting with acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy

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Reviewer: Prudence Ive

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: No

Comments to authors:

Overall this is a well written, interesting and a well constructed case presentation. The topic has been dealt with clearly and comprehensively. The main point of clarification required is the definition of HIV seroconversion. The authors should explain more fully how they came to the diagnosis of HIV seroconversion as they imply that the diagnosis was based on a positive HIV antibody test, after a previously negative test 2 years prior to this episode. This is not conclusive for HIV seroconversion.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests