Reviewer’s report


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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?:Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?:No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:Yes

Comments to authors:

The main comment is this: they specify this as a case of MM-2C sCJD. MM refers to the codon 129 genotype which they have indeed confirmed. But the ‘2’ refers to protein type which they have not confirmed (it requires brain tissue analysis). The MRI shows cortical changes apparently without BG changes but they do not have Type 2 confirmation and they should at least comment on this. The diagnosis of MM-2C is, at present, an assumption rather than fact.

Other comments:
It is presumed that the patient is alive and it would be reasonable to know something of the present duration of illness and, in the event of death, the total duration of illness.
They say that the particular presenting problem was present for 2 months. The assessment they detail contains things other than simply Kanji agraphia (constructional deficits and plantar responses—which, I presume are extensor and, if so, they should perhaps clarify that terminologically). Can they be clearer as to whether these additional findings were at 2 months and that, symptomatically, the presentation was a rather pure Kanji agraphia?

Given the nature of Kanji, and the neurological underpinnings of its usage and understanding, their observation is indeed an interesting one that deserves publication as a case report.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests