Reviewer's report

**Title:** Agraphia of Kanji (Chinese characters): an early symptom of MM2-cortical-type sporadic Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in a Japanese patient: a case report.

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**Reviewer:** Catherine Pennington

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

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?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

**Comments to authors:**

An interesting case report and discussion of the neural basis for processing of Kana and Kanji. Is it possible to give more detail regarding the constructive difficulties (mentioned in the abstract) - was the patient able to copy simple or complex diagrams eg. interlocking pentagons or a 3D cube drawing? Was she dyspraxic?

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests