Reviewer's report

Title: A Caucasian Australian Presenting with HTLV-1 Associated Myelopathy: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Pasquale Ferrante

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?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The manuscript of Faull and Panegyres reports a very interesting case of HTLV-1 infection with an associated HAM/TSP.

The case reported is relevant since, as underlined from the authors, it is the first case of HAM/TSP in an Australian Caucasian and underlines the risk of developing this disease when living in close contact with people with endemic HTLV-1 infection such as Australian Aboriginal.

The manuscript is well organized and well written and is acceptable for publication on Journal of Medical Case Reports Editorial, but the authors should comment in a more detailed manner the fact that the brain and spinal cord of the patient did not show abnormalities when examined with MRI.
Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'