Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical presentation of human African trypanosomiasis in Zambia links with varying virulent strains of human trypanosomes: Two case reports.

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Reviewer: James C.L. CL Mwansa

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?: No

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:

1. This case report is important to highlight HAT as an emerging Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) and gives different clinical presentation of HAT.
2. However, Virulence of a strain of the pathogen is assumed but need Laboratory support.
3. There is need to know the Laboratory findings after treatment or Death. Where the parasites recovered or eliminated?
4. There is need to suggest some implications for the National control

The script needs to address some grammatical presentations:
a. on page 5: "day of admission" is preferred to "same day"
b. Duration of treatment need to be specified rather than having dates of treatment alone.

c. Geographical Coordinates would be better placed at the beginning of description of the sites

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published