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:** Maria de Nazaré Correia MN Soeiro

Which of the following 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?: No

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 MS entitled “Clinical presentation of human African trypanosomiasis in Zambia links with varying virulent strains of human trypanosomes: Two case reports” performed by Mwanakasale and colleagues is a brief description of two cases that worth reporting but needs to be revised before being accepted for publication since it contains some shortcomings that must be addressed, as follows:

1. Manuscript must be fully revised by an English native person. It presents several repetitive sentences and words like, for example, in Abstract section: Human African Trypanosomiasis is repeated seven times. Then, after the first citation, include the abbreviation HAT and replace the next descriptions by “HAT”. Anotehr example: In discussion section, lines 2 and 4, T.b. rhoddesiense
is cited and can be (one of the citations) by “this parasite” or “this trypanosome”,
2. In abstract (Background subhead): The last sentences are redundant and
must be revised.
3. Keywords: Delete Mild, severe, atypical and typical words and include HAT.
4. In case report 1, include the following up of the patient from June 2012 up to
now (September 2013?).

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No