Reviewer's report

Title: The role of a specialist neurological infection service at a university teaching hospital in Northwest England

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In their study, Turtle et al report their experience of a specialist NeuroID service in the UK, seeing 242 patients over five-year period.

Overall, the authors provide significant insight into the prevalence, diagnosis, management and outcome of neuroinfectious diseases in the UK/Europe, and their observations add substantially to an area of the literature that often goes underreported.

This is a straightforward, concise retrospective study summarizing the reality of management of neuroinfectious diseases a large UK hospital with a sizeable HIV population under care.

It's interesting and concise. The information is novel. It is well written. The grammar and flow of the text is excellent, and it was very easy to read. The references are appropriate and up to date. The report will be of interest for many readers of BMC ID as well for those responsible for allocating resources (hence, an editorial concerning this article might be appropriate). I would like to congratulate authors to a fine piece of much needed work and can recommend the article wholeheartedly for publications in your renowned journal.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests