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The authors have revised and improved the manuscript.

I would suggest a few minor changes, clarifications and corrections:

1. Datum is generally singular. The word "data" is more appropriate.

2. This statement needs to be fixed: "Final diagnoses finally only to be made by autoantibody test"

3. It need to be explained much more clearly what patients are included in figure 1. It is not clear from either the text or the figure legend who these patients are. Is it all patients ultimately diagnosed with autoimmune encephalitis? Or patients meeting pAE criteria? Figure 2 seems to refer to characteristics of patients with a final confirmed diagnosis of anti-NMDAR encephalitis, but this should be made a bit clearer as well.

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