Reviewer’s report

Title: Application of the 2016 diagnostic approach for autoimmune encephalitis from Lancet Neurology to Chinese patients

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Reviewer: Maarten Titulaer

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Dear editor,

In this second revised manuscript, Li and co-authors have answered all my questions and concerns. I only have a few comments about the lay-out.

- Discussion, page 11, in the rephrased sentences: it seems as if the 11 definite are part of the 16 probable. Also, the numbers do not add. Consider to use the flow chart order and mention: 11 definite autoimmune, 16 probable autoimmune/NMDAR encephalitis and 27 (50%) only diagnosed by antibody tests.

- Figures: in black & white the current color differentiation can be difficult to read, as well as the numbers within the colored boxes. Consider to adapt the colors for color-blind readers and researchers printing in B&W.

- Please consider to check the text once more for grammar and typos.

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