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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors While the manuscript is extremely interesting and very well-written, given below are my remarks in no particular order. Please respond point by point. 1. The biggest issue in this paper is demonstrating correlation between encephalitis that occurred 23 years ago and current white matter abnormalities. Authors have provided little evidence that the encephalitis was the cause of the white matter abnormalities. It could have been due to any other infection or insult, for which the medical history may not be available. Please give as detailed a response as possible. 2. Institutional Review Board approval number MUST be put in manuscript in methods section. 3. Was this patient in follow up by the authors for 23 years? How were day-7 (post-encephalitis) MRI images available?



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I had provided several comments previously. The authors have responded to many of the comments but they have not provided conclusive evidence linking the initial episode 23 years ago and Papez Circuit Injury, as they themselves acknowledge. 1. In the absence of definite evidence, the title of the article is highly misleading. Please change it to: Association between Scrub Typhus Encephalitis and Diffusion Tensor Tractography Detection of Papez Circuit Injury: A Case Report 2. Similarly, please make the appropriate changes throughout the text that reaffirm that absolute confirmation is not possible, but it may be due to encephalitis. In the absence of evidence, it would be scientific misconduct to claim otherwise. Please use guarded language as your manuscript stands on very shaky grounds. Using language that you "confirmed the injury" is inappropriate.