

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Cough as a Neurological Sign: What a clinician should know

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Anatomical introduction of cough reflex can be showed using a figure. This manuscript can be considered as a review, but not the editorial. How many patients (of each mentioned disease) will suffer from neuropathic cough? Different mechanisms of each disease causing cough should be discussed. This can be summarized in a table. Apart from cough, how about other symptoms, such as sore throat, rhinitis or feeling of stuffy nose during the disease course? Impaired cough reflex can also be noted in patients with neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorders. How about the treatment (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation)?

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The manuscript expounds the clinical significance of cough as a neurological sign, which has good guiding value. However, the content is too verbose, and a little simplification may make readers more interested.

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The author's article is very meaningful. Besides being a fundamental respiratory sign, cough is also a crucial neurological sign for various neurological disorders. And the article sheds some light on the cough reflex and when its sensitivity is exaggerated or depressed and related to various neurological disorders. But some points are to be mentioned in the paper to improve the quality.

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The authors have addressed the concerns.

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The authors have revised the manuscript in accordance with the peer-review report. I agree to accept the manuscript.