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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, the manuscript could not be accepted in the present form. At first you have to clear how you have differentiated the Mill's Syndrome to theater neurological syndromes. Therefore you have to performe a structured review of the literature. I suggest to introduce a figure to clear the neurological pathway involved in the disease.



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The introduction is short, it is preferred to add some information about the epidemiology, pathophysiology of the disease. The references are mostly old, it will be better if references are updated. The relationships between grey matter and white matter are not described. I think that if ratios are reported, this may give better understanding of the syndrome.