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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting paper over an important topic which does not receive much attention. Posterior cortical atrophy (PCA) is an interesting phenomena, and, like Alzheimer's disease, seems quite refractory to pharmacotherapies. As such, the addition of non-pharmacological therapeutic approach as a conjugate to drug treatments appears to provide some, albeit modest benefits. The import of this manuscript is to provide new information on the potential of cognitive rehabilitation procedures as a potential adjunct treatment strategy for PCA. Given the paucity of studies, the review is comprehensive and although the outcomes of the individual studies seem to lack compelling data for the effectiveness of cognitive rehabilitation, the three case studies that were profiled, collectively, suggest that this approach is worthy of further consideration and study. Although the manuscript was organized well, and the ideas had a logical flow to them, there were several word choices and ways in which the information was presented that needed improvement. A version of the manuscript has been uploaded that has some suggested edits that might help the reader grasp the concepts a bit easier.

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REVIEWER'S COMMENTS This is a very well-written and clearly structured appraisal of the current prospects for management of patients with posterior cortical atrophy through non-pharmacological approaches. PCA is a degenerative disease which shares neuropathological features with Alzheimer's Disease, but predominantly affects visual perception and performance of tasks dependent on visual perception and elaboration of visual information. It is not widely discussed, in part due to the scarcity of cases, and much of the paper's contents rely on a relatively small number of patients. As the personal dimension necessarily dominates the picture, the paper is appropriate for a journal focussing clinical cases. The discussion is logical, well-organized and clear, but inevitably based on very narrow clinical experience. This might be useful for those working not only with PCA, but with a variety of neurodegenerative diseases, including prion-related diseases. I think, however, that the abstract is unsuitable as an introduction to the paper, because it is too vague. I strongly recommend providing more details in the abstract concerning the issues that are actually dealt with in the paper, namely cognitive rehabilitation, psychoeducation, motor intervention and vision training, at least enough to inform the reader about what these terms mean. It would be advisable also to give an idea



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in the abstract of how many patients have been studied in these respects in the literature surveyed. Quantity does not mean quality, but the reader should know at least how wide is the foundation of the knowledge to be acquired by reading the paper.