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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1 Title. A case report is an exceptional case which allows to advance general knowledge. It makes no sense to talk about banality. In the summary it is written that this is an uncommon case. 2 Abstract. The sentence "however, committing crimes Under the presumed effects of magic and witchcraft is uncommon in Albania" is very stange. Do the authors think this is common in other countries? The sentence "magical thinking corresponds to a variety of delusional thoughts and personnality disorders" is wrong and needs be changed. A "perfect medium" is awkward. 3 Key words. "magical thinking" is not the good word. Perhaps belief in magic would be better. 4 Background. There is a fundamental confusion in this article between magical thinking, belief in magic, and delirium about magic.The background should make it possible to differentiate these three concepts.In addition some statements are stange or wrong:"Today, magical rituals are pinpointed righteously as sorcery and witchcraft, and delusional influences are rarely considered as a mitigating factor to the perpetrator" or "If a culture is permissive to the phenomenon, it will hardly come into psychiatric attention" . 5 Methods. The general considerations at the beginning of the case description should be in the background.The comment "not unusual between brides and mothers in law" has no place in a scientific journal. 6 Results.There is a "witchcraft ans psychopathology" section between the case description and the discussion. This section is not psychopathology but popularized anthropology.It has no place in a psychiatric case-report. 7 Discussion. The discussion has no common thread.We don't understand what the authors want to show.Some sentences are incomprehensible: "Murders within families are the ultimate result of these, although they are rarely committed without premeditation or impulsivity".Some sentences are off topic: In our case, the woman (...) Phostoxin is rarely used for homicidal purposes. However its suicidal etc." 8 Conclusion. The sentence " it is the main responsibility of courts and law



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enforcement agencies to face and tackle crimes" is unnecessary in a conclusion. Everyone knows it. The dubious claim (the concept of evil is resurging in philosophy, theology, forensic psychiatry) is supported by two old references from 2008 and 2004. The meaning of the sentence "However, a criminologist's perspective while analysing the psychological status of a murder under the influence of delusional beliefs and magic cannot help courts and may not even unravel the Truth." is obscure. The authors seem not to have understood the role of the forensic psychiatrist in the criminal trial. 11 References. Some references have no interest and are used only for aesthetic purposes, for example: Arendt H. Eichmann in Jerusalem... 12 Quality of manuscript organization and presentation. The manuscript is not coherently organized. The language and grammar are accurate and appropriate. 13 Research methods and reporting. Case report. I think that the author prepared the manuscript according to the appropriate methods. 14 Ethics statements. The agreement of the subjects is not mentioned.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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clearer and better structured. I think that it brings an original and enriching light in the forensic field. The text can be published in its current form.