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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is, in summary, an interesting editorial aimed to discuss the future perspectives of Mavridis' atrophy (MA) as a pathological and imaging finding. The authors stated that MA is mainly correlated with apathy, impulsive behavior, and cognitive symptoms occurring in Parkinson's disease. Interestingly, the authors stated that MA could be a risk factor for the expression and/or severity of specific symptoms of Parkinson's disease. However, they also reported that whether the the severity of MA affects the severity of specific psychiatric symptoms in individuals with Parkinson's disease is still a matter of debate. The editorial is generally well-written as presented. The authors may find as follows my main comments/suggestion. First, when the authors reported that the presence of Lewy bodies has been also found in some cases of atypical parkinsonism and other disorders, they could add more details concerning this topic. Here, which are, in detail, the parkinsonism as well as the other disorders in which it's possible to find the presence of Lewy bodies according to their opinion could be specified. Another point could be further developed. When the authors stated that: "advances in structural imaging are complemented by findings of magnetic resonance spectroscopy on brain metabolism and resting-state functional MRI on functional



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connectivity (Lehéricy et al., 2012)", i suggest to add more details/information concerning how alterations of functional connectivity may really complement structural imaging findings about the main theme. Finally, whether MA is associated with motor Parkinson's disease symptoms according to the authors' point of view, they should also specify which type of motor symptoms are linked to MA and whether the early identification of MA using neuroimaging techniques may serve to prevent the disability associated with Parkinson's disease.



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This editorial "Mavridis' atrophy in Parkinson's disease-five years later: future perspectives" is very good and worth to read for both clinical and basic researchers. It is suitable for publish in World Journal of Neurology.