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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The subject of Tropical Spastic Paraparesis is a fascinating area of neurological sciences, Jamaica is a relevant geographical area for the disease and the medical experience there on the disease is of great interest. However, the title of the manuscript "Tropical Spastic Paraparesis/HTLV-1-Associated Myelopathy: clinical presentation and Pathophysiology" by Louboutin does not correlate with the contents: 1.Little, if anything, is discussed about "clinical presentation" differential diagnosis, course of the disease, clinical variations, etc. 2.Little, besides experimental models in lab animals is discussed about determinants, differences of pathophysiology between TSP and ATL, theoretical discussion of multiple pathology of viral origin, etc.



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The clinical section is poor developed, what is the age at the onset?, survival? Delete this sentence: For some authors, HTLV-1 can infect microglial cells [12], while for others microglial cells are not infected by HTLV-1 [13], because you mentioned that is controversial, just adjust your references. I did not find any proposal from the author to improve the animal models or human studies to the next step of research.