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| Journal Name: | [**International Neuropsychiatric Disease Journal**](https://journalindj.com/index.php/INDJ) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_INDJ\_136906** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Ekbom syndrome seen at the Center Hospitalier Universitaire de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso: about a series of three cases** |
| Type of the Article | **Case report** |

PART 1: Comments

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|  | **Reviewer’s comment**  **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** |  |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **You may consider making the title more formal: Ekbom syndrome (Delusional parasitosis): A case series from West Africa.**  **This will catch the attention of the readers as two or more case reports is a series** |  |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | The abstract is grossly lacking a lot of vital information, especially the sociodemographic variables, as the ages of the clients were not stated, and the social or psychological conditions that constitute or predispose to the syndrome were not mentioned  **The reason for reporting the cases was not well elaborated** |  |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | The manuscript is scientifically correct, but the cases were not scientifically proven, i.e the diagnostic criteria were not used. |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The references are too scanty |  |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | Well, there is a need for improvement, especially in the case reporting, then in the discussion, there should be reasons for having similar or different findings from the previous literature. |  |
| **Optional/General** comments | 1. **Please review your definition of ekbom because it should be a fixed, false belief.** 2. **The prevalence of** 40 cases per million inhabitants. is it global, local or regional prevalence of where? 3. **The cases were not well summarised because it is expected to follow history, mental state examination, physical examination with emphasis of skin and the diagnosis.** 4. **Also, diagnosis in mental health is based on diagnostic guidelines with diagnostic criteria, which diagnostic guideline was use?** 5. **Note that the history should not contain technical terms like hallucination. Only in the mental state examination.** 6. “a significant improvement in his quality of life after 6 months” pls what instrument did you use for the assessment of the QOL. 7. **PLS What is this. “**She was referred to the psychiatry department of the dermatology service” 8. **Is not all symptoms that we call disorders. “**Her disorder began two years ago, marked by a sensation of a living creature crawling under her skin (scalp, trunk and limbs)”. |  |

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