

Author's response to reviews

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To the Editor:

In response to Dr. Brown's suggestions (1. How could this have happened? and 2. The emotional response?) we have added two sentences on page 6 (lines 20 and 21) and page 7 (lines 1-3) that address these two questions. Also we checked today and the updated WHO Guidelines on Tissue Infectivity Distribution in Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies is not yet available so it cannot be included or referenced per Dr. Brown's prior suggestion.

Thus we have fulfilled all the changes suggested by both reviewers and assume the manuscript is now fully acceptable for publication. We thank the reviewers for their comments.