

Dear reviewers,

Thank you for your comments on our manuscript entitled “A Report of Two Cases of Acute Flaccid Paralysis and Neurogenic Respiratory Failure Associated with EnterovirusD68 Infection in Children” (Manuscript NO: 58655). Those comments are very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied the comments carefully and made corrections which we hope meet with approval. The main corrections are in the manuscript and the responds to the reviewers’ comments are as follows (the replies are highlighted in blue).

Replies to the reviewers’ comments:

Reviewer #1:

1. The case report is about a pediatric emergency state, AFP, but the etiologic factor, enterovirusD68, is rarely seen. Both the first diagnosis and differential diagnosis are important in the clinical practice, especially in the era of SARS-COV-2 pandemic. So, enterovirusD68 should be considered in the differential diagnosis of AFP and neurogenic respiratory failure, if all laboratory tests could not identify any causative microbiologic agent, as emphasized in the manuscript.

Response: Thanks a lot.

2. The number and content of the figures are sufficient.

Response: Thanks a lot.

3. The title reflects the main subject of the case report well. The abstract summarizes and reflects the main subject of the case report. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript.

Response: Thanks a lot.

4. The case report adequately describes the background, present status and significance of this emergency state.

Response: Thanks a lot.

5. The authors should correct/rewrite the words; in terms of English grammar such as leaving a blank between the words, not beginning to the sentence with an abbreviation or a number.

Response: Thanks a lot. And we have corrected all of them.

6. References are sufficient,

Response: Thanks a lot.

7. The manuscript is well, concisely and coherently organized and presented.

Response: Thanks a lot.

8. Authors have prepared their manuscripts according to CARE Checklist (2016).

Response: Thanks a lot.

9. The manuscript met the requirements of ethics.

Response: Thanks a lot.

Reviewer #2:

Good analysis of two cases of acute flaccid paralysis in children, one obviously considered too late to be the case of EV-D68. In such cases specified etiology should be considered as possible.

Response: Thanks a lot.

Once again, thank you very much for your constructive comments and suggestions which would help us both in English and in depth to improve the quality of the paper.

Kind regards,

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