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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The article is relevant, relatively rare along the lines that happened in the case of the study. Therefore, it calls attention to something that can happen related to diabetes, even if it is not common. It is relevant and well-written article. It has good designed outline and method. I recommend ACCEPTING and PUBLISHING the paper.



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submission, and manuscript format: Case report” proposed by “World Journal of Clinical Cases” Specific comments: Abstract 1. “usually occurred” should be changed to “usually occurs” 2. “The blood The electrolyte, blood routine, hepatorenal functions were in a normal range generally.” – please, rewrite this sentence. 3. Page 2, line 11 and 12 – “even worsen” should be changed to “even worsened” 4. Page 2, line 12 – “Regarding to the clinical history...” should be changed to “Regarding the clinical history...” or “With regard to the clinical history...” 5. Page 2, line 14 “...therapy of corticosteroids was arranged...” should be changed “...therapy of corticosteroids was administered...” 6. Page 2, line 16 – “obviously” – please, consider replacing this adverb with another one. In this context, it is more appropriate to use “significantly” 7. “Diabetes could rarely accompany with CPM, and corticosteroids might benefit for prognosis” – please, rewrite this sentence. It is not grammatically clear. (e.g. “Diabetes could be rarely accompanied with CPM, and patients who experienced this neurological complication could benefit from corticosteroids treatment.”) 8. Page 3, line 6 – “Yet CPM was considered...” should be changed to “Currently, CPM is considered as...” – please, avoid jargon phrases in scientific papers (e.g. “Yet”) Introduction 1. Page 3, line 8 – “basalt nuclei” should be changed to “basal nuclei” 2. “In time of the extremely rapid correction of hyponatremia, the extracellular toxicity increased quickly without promptly adjustment of intracellular osmoles” – please, rewrite this sentence more clearly 3. “The lesions frequently demonstrated hypointense on T1-weighted image (T1WI), hyperintense on T2-weighted image (T2WI) / fluid-attenuated inversion recovery (FLAIR), hyperintense on diffusion weighted imaging (DWI), isointensity or hypointense on apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC), usually without enhancement in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).” Please, rewrite this sentence as follows: “The lesions are frequently demonstrated as hypointense on T1-weighted image (T1WI), hyperintense on T2-weighted image (T2WI) / fluid-attenuated inversion recovery



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(FLAIR), hyperintense on diffusion weighted imaging (DWI), and isointense or hypointense on apparent diffusion coefficient (ADC), without gadolinium enhancement.”

4. Page 3, line 19 - “classic trident shape” should be change to “classic trident-shaped area” 5. Page 3, line 19 - “Prevention” should be changed to “Preventive” or even better “Prophylactic” 6. Page 3, line 20 and 21 - “without evidence of administration in corticosteroids” should be changed to “without evidence of efficacy of adjunctive corticosteroid therapy” 7. “Therapy of methylprednisolne pulse in the acute phase and dose tapering subsequently improved his outcomes” please, rewrite this sentence as follows: “Methylprednisolone pulse therapy in the acute phase followed by dose tapering improved patient’s clinical outcome.” Case presentation 1. Page 4, line 5 - “for” should be changed to “due to” 2. “Two weeks prior, he was first admitted to the local hospital by the time gangrene developed in the big toe of his right foot, with the apparent thirst and urorrhagia.” please, rewrite this sentence as follows: “Two weeks earlier, he was admitted to the local hospital because of big toe gangrene of his right foot associated with the apparent thirst and urorrhagia.” 3. “electrolyte, blood routine, hepatorenal functions” should be changed to “electrolytes, hematological parameters and biochemical markers of hepatic and renal function”. 4. “Considering further relative examination” should be changed to “Considering further possible examinations” 5. Page 4, line 13 “The administrations included...” should be changed to “The treatment included...” 6. Page 4, line 14 “(0.1U/kg)” – please, add space between value and unit 7. “Yet the neurological symptom was worse with blurred vision and slight dysarthria, corresponding to the lesions in the brainstem on MRI subsequently” should be changed as follows: “However, after completion of treatment, neurological disorders in form of blurred vision and slight dysarthria, corresponding to the lesions in the brainstem demonstrated subsequently on MRI, occurred” 8. Page 4, line 22 - “performed indwelling catheterization” should be changed to “indwelling catheterization was

performed” 9. Page 5, line 4 “tendinous reflect in all limb’s extremities” should be changed to “tendon reflexes in all limbs” or “in all extremities” 10. “Yet no pathological reflection drew out.” should be changed to “However, there were no pathological reflexes” 11. “10 /m3, C-reactive protein of 44 mm/h” – please, rewrite this parameters with adequate units and values 12. “proteus mirabilis” should be changed to “*Proteus mirabilis*” (italic font) 13. Page 5, line 19 “evaluating” should be change to “elevated levels of” 14. “(5.9mmol/L)” – please, add space between value and unit 15. (150 mmH2O) –please rewrite “2” in subscript 16. “The lesions on admission distributed diffusely” please, add “were” before “distributed” 17. “According to his clinical manifestations and auxiliary examination results, the patient was considered as central pontine myelinolysis secondary to hyperosmolar hyperglycemia” – this sentence should be change as follows: “According to his clinical manifestations and auxiliary examination results, central pontine myelinolysis secondary to hyperosmolar hyperglycemia was established as definitive diagnosis.” 18. Page 7, line 5 “arranged” should be changed to “administrated” Discussion 19. Page 9, line 2, “Yet” should be changed to “Currently” 20. Please, add in this section table with summarized similar cases published in the literature (some of them were already cited in the literature of manuscript) with demographic, laboratory, clinical and imaging data and describe briefly the most important results. Although there are not enough patients to draw conclusions based on statistical significance, try to point out some facts that could be of clinical significance. 21. “hyperglycemic should be careful during treatment” should be changed to “correction of hyperglycaemia should be performed with caution” 22. “Though without autopsy results, the positive therapeutic response as well as the features of imaging features dragged out our diagnostic direction of glioma”, please, rewrite this sentence, it is not clear. I guess you meant a biopsy, not an autopsy. 23. “distinguish metabolic diseases with tumor” should be changed to “distinguish



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metabolic diseases from tumor” 24. “Yet it remained unknown about the efficiency of hypoglycemic treatment alone or combined with corticosteroids.” should be changed to “However, the efficacy of hypoglycaemic treatment alone or in combination with corticosteroids remains unknown.” 25. Page 9, line 20 “in” should be changed to “with”



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The author made the corrections. I recommend to accept the manuscript.



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case report" has been revised according to the reviewers' suggestions. Therefore, it deserves to be published after a few minor corrections: 1. Page 10, line 9 - "For instance, a 20-year-old type 1 diabetes female was reported acute onset spastic quadriparesis with dysarthria and mild ataxia [6]." - please rewrite this sentence as follows "For instance, a 20-year-old type 1 diabetes female was reported with acute onset of spastic quadriparesis with dysarthria and mild ataxia [6]." 2. Page 10, line 10 - "A 45-year-old woman..." - please, start the sentence as follows: "Also, a 45-year-old woman presented to..." 3. Page 10, line 12 - "And a 45-year-old male with past medical history of type 2 diabetes, hypertension..." please, start the sentence as follows: "Likewise, a 45-year-old male with past medical history of type 2 diabetes, hypertension..."