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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for your valuable comments. Below are the answers:

1. It should be a case report instead of a letter to editor. So, this manuscript should be resubmited as a case report.

-Answer: We thank the reviewer's consideration. We prefered to submit it as a "Letter to Editor" to share briefly our experience of rituximab in a refractory case with HIV-associated nemaline myopathy.

2. Nemaline myopathy isn't encluded in the list of indications of rituximab. Did the authors get the approval of both the patients and the ethics committee ? If yes, the documentary evidences must be provided.

-Answer: According to the literature, nemaline myopathy-HIV usually has a good response to immunosuppressive therapy. However, our patient had refractory to glucocorticoid, and conventional immunosuppressives; therefore, despite off-label, and after patient consent, we introduced the rituximab as a possible option to promote disease induction.

3. The long-term prognosis of this treatment should be provided. So, major revision should be recommended for this manuscript."

-Answer: We added long-term prognosis in the present case.

Regards