

Dear reviewer:

Thank you for your decision and constructive comments on my manuscript. The part that has been revised according to your comments. Revision notes, point-to-point, are given as follows:

1. The abstract section can improve—add a focus point in the abstract section.

We have add a cord tip to highlight the point of our article.

2. This case aims to optimize the anti-infection treatment protocols of *Listeria monocytogenes* brainstem abscesses and to provide a reference for clinicians to use drugs rationally. Rewrite the conclusion (in the abstract) in a more straightforward form.

The statement have been corrected. We will be happy to edit the text further based on helpful comments from reviewers.

3. *Listeria monocytogenes* is a gram-positive bacterium that can opportunistically cause listeriosis, including bacteremia and neurolisteriosis. Need to add more recent insights.

We have added some content of this disease modestly, and more detailed introductions are arranged in the discussion section below.

4. Authors are suggested to use the full form when used for the first time throughout the manuscript.

Thank you for your correction, we have revised it.

5. The introduction section is poor. Authors can try to include more insights on the related theme.

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6. Aim of the study should need to add as the last paragraph in the introduction.

Thank you for your correction, we have revised it.

7. Case report section looks good. Need a logical flow of the writings with enough references.

Thank you for your correction, we have revised it.

8. The discussion is good. The discussion section can improve by including the data from other sources about related works.

Thank you for your helpful comments, We have tried our best to write the disease-related knowledge that can be retrieved.

9. The conclusion needs to address future perspectives.

Thank you for your helpful comments, we have added this part.

10. Many spacing, punctuation marks problem found in the tables.

We have modified the tables as appropriate.

11. Spacing, punctuation marks, grammar, and spelling errors should be reviewed thoroughly. I found so many typos throughout the manuscript.

We apologize for the confusion generated by the previous version of the manuscript and we have modified terminology throughout the text as appropriate. The revised version has been further polished and we really hope the flow and language have been substantially improved.

Thank you again for your positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript.

We hope you will find our revised manuscript acceptable for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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