

Answering reviewers

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The present work is well described and contributes to the scientific literature. Thus, it is suitable for publication in the journal.

Response: Thanks for your comment and we sincerely appreciate that.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: I have read the paper and make the following comments: Scientific writing should be **in third person past tens to avoid any impression of bias**, as per “Here, we report a case of..” or “Herein, we report a patient” plus “Herein, we present” and “we found that all reported cases...”. Both ‘Here’ and “Herein” are superfluous within this context as that is totally obvious. There should not be a comma before a conjunctive, such as ‘and’ or ‘but’, as per “otalgia, and pharyngalgia” or “negative, but the CSF” or “was unevenly thickened, and there were”. The first time an acronym is used it should be spelt out in full, as per “NSAIDs” or “BRE”. Words like “However” never seem to add nor change the context of a sentence and should be omitted, as per “However, his symptoms were not improved” or “However, it rarely detects pathogens”. The sentence, “CNS infections are devastating and disabling...” is over dramatic and there should be inserted ‘potentially’ before “devastating”. I take umbrage at the statement “Bacterial infections are the main type of CNS infections...” as in my experience viral infections are more common. Having made the above comments I found the paper both interesting and important and feel that with minor revision it should be accepted for publication. I have completed the below questionnaire supporting minor revision and publication.

Response: Thanks for your comments and we sincerely appreciate your valuable suggestions. We have deleted “Here” and “Herein” that you mentioned and deleted all comas before conjunctives, such as “and” or “but”. We have spelt out the acronym the first time it is used in the body of the paper. The acronyms of “NSAIDs” and “BRE” also have been replaced by a full description as “non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs” and “routine blood examination”. We have omitted words like “However” as per “However, his symptoms were not improved” or “However, it rarely detects pathogens”. The word of “potentially” has been inserted before “devastating” in the sentence, “CNS infections are devastating and disabling...”. We also changed the statement of “Bacterial infections are the main type of CNS infections...” into expression as “Bacterial infections are one type of CNS infections...”.