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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: **1761-Review**.doc).

**Title:** Varicella Zoster Meningitis Complicating Combined Anti-TNF and Corticosteroid Therapy in Crohn’s Disease

**Authors:** Christopher Ma, Brennan Walters, and Richard N Fedorak

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers as below:

**Reviewer 1 (00503508):** *“Nicely described case report with literature review. I have no specific comment.”*

*Grade B (Very good), Language Evaluation Grade A (priority publishing), Conclusion: Accept*

**Author Response:**

No specific changes suggested by the reviewer.

**Reviewer 2 (00007966):** *“Case report with good literature review.”*

*Grade A (Excellent), Language Evaluation Grade A (priority publishing), Conclusion: Accept*

**Author Response:**

No specific changes suggested by the reviewer.

**Reviewer 3 (00503621):** *“Well written. Overall, would accept this manuscript with one specific correction: the title should reflect that the patient was on steroids too: "VZ meningitis complicating combined anti-TNF and corticosteroid therapy in Crohn’s disease"*

*Grade B (Very good), Language Evaluation Grade A (priority publishing), Conclusion: Minor Revision*

**Author Response:**

As the reviewer has suggested, we have adjusted the title to reflect the patient’s treatment with steroids.

**Reviewer 4 (00028188)**: *“A nice report - it would be useful to speculate on your longer term treatment option for this patients Crohn's disease eg. GMCSF”*

*Grade C (Good), Language Evaluation Grade A (priority publishing), Conclusion: Accept*

**Author Response:**

Unfortunately, GM-CSF (sargramostim) is not available for this indication in our jurisdiction, and is only available through investigational trial. This has been added to the manuscript.

**Editor:** *Changes to the citation format and inclusion of ‘Core Tip’ recommended*.

**Author Response:** The above changes have been included in the revised manuscript

3. References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology.*

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