

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Prof. Eduardo H Garin,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2870-review.doc).

Revisions are made in red color inside the original manuscript. Below are the itemized responses to the reviewer's comments.

Title: Acute flaccid paralysis in a patient with sacral dimple

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

1 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) COMMENT

This is a well written account of a case of acute flaccid paralysis. In a recent study by Chen et al [Asian Pacific Journal of Tropical Medicine 2013; 68-72] 9 cases of AFP were documented. This paper must be cited and discussed. Figure 2 appears to be a transverse MRI acquired post contrast administration. MRI measurement parameters must be provided, the contrast agent specified (product and dose), and Fig 2 is to be extended with a sagittal view of the same lesion, both pre and post contrast, and with the corresponding T2-weighted views. Thus 6 images can be shown in together in Fig.2, providing a better overview and a nicer display than just one rather blurry image (due to its mediocre spatial resolution). My advise is: minor revision. Specific comment: P4, 7th line from bottom: extends>extending.

RESPONSE

We thank the reviewer for this valuable suggestion.

- ❖ A sentence has been added to the discussion section as well as the table "under the section of anterior horn cell diseases" to cover reviewer's suggestion. Reference number 15 has been added as well to the list of references.
- ❖ Figure 2 has been modified as well according to reviewer's suggestion.
- ❖ Language revision has been done.
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(2) COMMENT

The authors, Dr. Mohammed Mostafa, et al., described a patient presenting with acute flaccid paralysis due to

compressive myelopathy. The original etiology was a congenital dermal sinus tract accompanied by paraspinal subdural abscess. Culture of drained purulent fluid showed Candida infection, which might explain why the symptoms were not improved by the initial therapy using antibiotics. The authors need to describe whether urine retention was also improved by the surgery. Quality of written English: the manuscript needs some language corrections.

RESPONSE

We thank the reviewer for this valuable suggestion.

- ❖ A sentence has been added to the case presentation section describing the improvement of urine retention.
- ❖ Language revision has been done.

Sincerely yours,

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