

April 22th, 2020

Re: Manuscript No. 54934

Dear Editor,

thank you for your letter of April 22th and the possibility of submitting our corrected manuscript titled "**Cauda equina arachnoiditis – a rare manifestation of West Nile virus neuroinvasive disease: a case report**" for publication in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

We have marked **in red** all correction in the text.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: Reviewer Comments to Authors: I think the manuscript is very well written. I have only brief recommendations. Please add the following scientific publications to your manuscript: (1.) Baymakova M, Trifonova I, Panayotova E, Dakova S, Pacenti M, Barzon L, et al. Fatal case of West Nile neuroinvasive disease in Bulgaria. Emerg Infect Dis. 2016; 22(12): 2203–2204. PMID: 27392134. DOI: 10.3201/eid2212.151968. (2.) Baymakova M, Christova I, Panayotova E, Trifonova I, Chobanov A, Daskalov I, et al. West Nile virus infection with neurological disorders: a case report and a brief review of the situation in Bulgaria. Acta Clin Croat. 2019; 58(3): 546–549. PMID: 31969770. DOI: 10.20471/acc.2019.58.03.21.

According to the reviewer's comment we have added the requested publications to the manuscript.

Science Editor:

5 Issues raised: (1) The title is too long, and it should be no more than 12 words; (2) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s); (3) The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance. (Han Zhang)

Editorial Office Director:

I have checked the comments written by the science editor. The "Article Highlights" section is not applicable for Case Report.

According to your suggestion we have shortened the title to *West Nile virus cauda equina arachnoiditis: a case report* and we have uploaded the Approved Grant Application form.

We have corrected several typos and additionally revised manuscript for grammar and language.

We hope that the manuscript will be suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

Thank you again for the privilege of submitting our work.

Sincerely,

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