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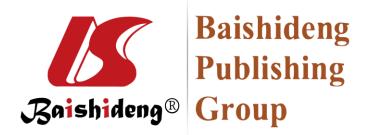
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Scientific quality	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [ ] Grade B: Very good [Y] Grade C: Good [ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<ul> <li>[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing [Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing</li> <li>[ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [ ] Grade D: Rejection</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul> <li>[ ] Accept (High priority) [Y] Accept (General priority)</li> <li>[ ] Minor revision [ ] Major revision [ ] Rejection</li> </ul>
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Rarity is no criteria for acceptance of manuscript There is need of English language improvement. Manuscript has too long sentences at many places Title should have ... Tubecular transverse myelitis... Abstract Tunerculous myelitis is not extremely rare, is relatively rare Case summary is too long What is logic of writing " Anti-syphilis treatment did not relieve the patient's symptoms at first; however, his neurological symptoms improved when anti-tuberculous treatment was added. "in case summary Conclusion is confusing Introduction is too long, need to be concise Need to extract more from " History of past illness ,The patient Case history previously had TB, but the details were unknown. Youi had dysuria, any urine exam done Any abdominal usg done? What was dose given, ceftriaxone 3 g or 2g Any Jarix Hexhemier reaction ? How long was ATT (DOTS) PRESCRIBED ? TOTAL FOLLOW UP You are "Anti-syphilis therapy (ceftriaxone 3 g q.d.) was added, but the patient complained that there was no improvement in his condition. "need to give detaila in which sense you are trying to convey, which objective symptoms improved What is message to take home



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1. Please be consistent in writing some terms. Which term is correct with this patient's diagnosis? neurosyphilis or syphilitic myelitis? because neurosyphilis is a clinical spectrum that can manifest as other symptoms like meningitis, stroke, etc. (according to your text in introduction section). 2. In the case presentation section, please provide a detailed history of TB therapy of the patient to give more information about the previous TB status. Is it re-infection/treatment failure/drop out case? so you can analyze the patient's problem comprehensively. 3. Please specify this statement "Some of the patient's clinical symptoms gradually improved" in the follow up and outcome section. Which clinical symptoms were gradually improved? 4. There is no further explanation about the possible immunocompromised state of this patient. Please add this in discussion section. 5. There are some grammatical errors in the manuscript. Please correct.