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| | Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for the opportunity to review this article. Personally, I had experience managing a patient with GBS positive for anti-sulfatide managed in a similar fashion. I do believe it has importance in literature with case identification and describing its features. However, while the grammar is acceptable, there are multiple errors in the use of scientific terms and statements which made the paper difficult to read. A number of corrections will need to be made before it can be considered for publication as the manuscript lacks clarity. A few examples are provided below: Shock therapy = did you mean pulse therapy? Line 35 = diminished tendon reflexes, hypotonia, abdominal distention, and constipation and urinary retention due to autonomic nerve damage. Line 93 = rotation of vision? Line 107 = McKay's point?? Did you mean mcburneys? Turbid sound? Turbid usually used in the context of liquids Tone is described as reduced. Not low What is Bartholomew sign? Did you mean plantar or Babinski? Cervical medulla? What is that? Did you mean cervicomedullary junction or cervical cord and medulla separately? They are two different structures. Line 148 = induction of paralysis?? Was patient intubated and sedated? It would be more appropriate to include terms like

cytoalbuminologic dissociation to describe the csf findings if cell counts were low instead of spelling out the whole findings. Markers sent for demyelinating diseases like oligoclonal bands/aquaporin 4/anti MOG should be stated instead of just stating negative for demyelinating disease. Investigations should be summarized and an effort should be made to spell out important tests.

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Intro: very long. Can be significantly shortened The purpose of the case report may be explained Case report: Very long. Only the relevant information may be clearly explained Discussion: Very long and not focused. May focus directly on the most relevant details of the literature and the important relevance to the current case Can be presented under subheadings for easier understanding Conclusion may be clearly explained