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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The case is very interesting. However it is unclear why the proposal for ECT to be an alternative to apheresis and immunotherapy. Seems like this case supports adjunct or complementary therapy for non responders. Another aspect that is not clearly addressed that this patient received ECT before and after plasmapheresis. There are no comments or a theory if this could have an effect on the outcome of this patient. The authors make a great case advocating awareness for the disease, its diagnosis and treatment. This case report is a good contribution for treatment considerations.

RESPONSE FROM AUTHORS:

Thankyou for the comments. We have altered the text to make it clearer that we are recommending ECT as either an alternative or an adjunct to standard therapies. We have also amended the case report to make clearer that ECT was given both pre and post plasmapheresis and that it is difficult to say how this affected outcome.

We have added the following text:

Abstract:

For this reason, we suggest that ECT should be considered, particularly in those patients who are non-responders to standard therapies.

Case Report:

The improvement in the patient's symptoms after the second course of ECT was remarkable. It is



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difficult to know how much improvement was due to either her immunosuppressive therapies or the ECT – it is more likely that the combination of both led to her recovery.

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Suggestions: Should the author : (1). typing the whole spelling of GP as general practitioner (GP) at page. 8. (2). Correct the "2 stones in weight "to Kg. or pounds (14 pounds = 1 stone) in the manuscript at page 8.

RESPONSE FROM AUTHORS

Many thanks – we have removed most abbreviations as you have suggested.