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Title: IgG-index predicts neurological morbidity in patients with infectious central nervous system diseases

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To the Editor in Chief of BMC Infectious Diseases

Revision-1 of the manuscript: “IgG-index predicts neurological morbidity in patients with infectious central nervous system diseases” by Lackner P. et al.

Dear Professor Norton,

thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to improve our manuscript. We have responded to the remaining issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further help regarding the review process.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer 1

Minor Essential Revisions

The authors have resubmitted their manuscript in a much revised form. I have the following comments to make:

1. The abstract should make it clearer that the baseline index is the key prognostic feature of their examination of the CSF.

   Done

2. Why was an index of 0.75 chosen, can they give a reference?

   To the best of our knowledge this issue has not been studied previously. The choice of the cut-off value is based on statistical reasoning. Receiver operating characteristic curves were drawn and the cut-off value was chosen to reach maximum specificity. This is now mentioned in the methods section of the revised version of our manuscript (page 5, lines 22-24).