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Title: Emergence of sporadic non-clustered cases of hospital-associated listeriosis among immunocompromised adults in southern Taiwan from 1992-2013: effect of precipitating immunosuppressive agents

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In this version, changes made were listed below:

1. In Patients and Methods:
   Paragraph "Review of published case-series of sporadic non-clustered cases of hospital-associated listeriosis" was all deleted

2. In results:
   a. Subhead "Clinical characteristics, precipitating immunosuppressive agents and outcome in 12 sporadic non-clustered cases of hospital-associated listeriosis" was modified as "Clinical manifestations and precipitating immunosuppressive agents in 12 sporadic non-clustered cases of hospital-associated listeriosis"
   b. In this paragraph, sentence "Detailed information about the underlying diseases......for the 12 hospital-associated cases of listeriosis are shown (table 4)" was deleted.
   c. In this paragraph, sentence "Five of the 11 (45.4%) patients received ..... cytoreductive agents." was added
   d. Paragraph "Review of published case-series of non-clustered cases of hospital-associated listeriosis" was all deleted

3. In discussion:
   In paragraph one, sentence "Other reports showed mortality rate of hospital-associated listeriosis around 27.2% to 53% [30,31]" was added.
4. In table:
   Table 4 and table 5 were all deleted