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Title: Epidural Abscess Caused by Streptococcus milleri in a Pregnant Woman

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Please find attached a Case Report resubmission titled Epidural Abscess Caused by *Streptococcus milleri in a Pregnant Woman*. The case report is accompanied by a letter of consent from the patient and one MRI file image inserted in the text and as a jpeg attachment.

Albeit rare, *S. milleri* spinal-epidural abscess in pregnancy has been reported, always as a complication of spinal-epidural anesthesia. We report a case of spinal-epidural abscess caused by SMG in a young, pregnant woman without an antecedent history of spinal epidural anesthesia and without any underlying risk factors for invasive streptococcal disease. To our knowledge, this is the first reported case of a *Streptococcus milleri* epidural abscess in a healthy, pregnant woman with no history of epidural anesthesia or invasive procedures. This report adds to the body of literature on SMG invasive infections and should be considered for publication.

We have made the corrections as requested by the reviewers:

Reviewer #1 Anil Nanda:
1. No vaginal swab was performed prior to surgery. This has been added to the text.
2. It is not clear from the current literature if pregnancy increases the incidence of vaginal colonization with *S. milleri*. This has been added to the text.

Reviewer #2: Josef Finsterer

1. SMG or Streptococcus Milleri Group has been spelled out in the text
2. Reference limits to the leukocyte count has been added

We have neither financial nor non-financial conflicts of interests in this case.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this manuscript.
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