Author's response to reviews

Title: Guillain-Barre Syndrome: Natural history and prognostic factors. Review of 106 cases.

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1) We have added a mention about the mEGOS predictors. This is a scale developed to predict the functional disability at 6 months after a GBS; this scale is based on the MRC sum score at admission and at 7th day, the age and the history of diarrhea. However, although useful, the mEGOS passed on the first day of admission showed lower predictive ability than the one performed on the 7th day. In our study we demonstrate that, even in the first day of admission, lower scores on the GBS scale are associated with worse outcome at discharge and 12 month.

2) The severity at admission has been explained.

3) The grammatical correction has been done.

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1) The fact of being a retrospective study makes that the C. jejuni was not included in all the cases and its estimation inaccurate.

2) Previous works have been mentioned.

3) We added an explanation in favor Peak Flow test over FVC. Van Doorn et al. propose a regularly monitoring of the respiratory function initially every 2-4h, and then every 6-12h. Although FVC is considered to be the gold standard test for detecting impaired ventilation it has some disadvantages, the requirement of portable spirometers in the acute phase due to the instability of the patient, the need for a minimum of preparation and knowledge of the technique by medical personnel and the higher cost. Suárez et al. describe a series of 79 patients with neuromuscular diseases in which the Peak Flow test proved to be useful in the monitoring of expiratory muscle weakness.

4) The mention of the proportion of weakness is due to the inclusion in this review of MFS cases without muscle strength involvement.

5) We have added a legend to the tables.