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Dear Editors:

We submit our manuscript entitled “Population-based Epidemiologic Study of Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis in Nanchang China” to our journal for possible publication.

This retrospective investigation of acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADEM) patients ranging from 2008 to 2010 was implemented in Nanchang China. The study was the first population-based epidemiologic study in central China. The results of study list below mainly that annual average incidence of ADEM was 0.31/100,000 in Nanchang, the incidence in males (0.31/100,000) was nearly equal to that in females (0.31/100,000), The median age of onset was 25.97 years, and the peak age of incidence was 5-9 years old (0.75/100,000), followed by the group over 60 years old (0.55/100,000). Occurrence of ADEM was distributed throughout the year, while ADEM occurs most frequently in March (n=7), and least frequently in April and July (both n=2). The patient number distribution was roughly same in the rest months. The occupations with peak onset were students and peasants (n=13). Within 2 months before the onset, 15 patients presented with preceding infection but no patient had vaccination.

This research article is new. Neither the entire paper nor any part of its content has been published or has been accepted elsewhere. It is not being submitted to any other journal.

Thanks very much for your attention to our paper.

Sincerely yours.

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