Author's response to reviews

Title: Human Immunodeficiency Virus seroconversion presenting with acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for provision of reviewers’ comments in relation to our submission. We have adjusted our article in response to these and the manuscript is attached. Point by point changes are detailed below.

Reviewer 1

1. Further descriptive details have been added to Case Presentation paragraph 1 sentence 2, paragraph 3 sentence 4 and paragraph 5 sentence 2 to reduce reliance on the MRC grading of neurological power. An extra reference has also been added to Case Presentation paragraph 1 sentence 2 which relates to a publication explaining the MRC grading, should the reader wish to pursue this.

2. Paragraph 8 of the original Discussion has been redrafted and split into 2 paragraphs to allow acknowledgement of the unusually rapid response to HAART in our case.

Reviewer 2

1. We are in agreement that it is difficult to conclusively prove HIV seroconversion in this case. We have re-written paragraph 2, sentence 1 of the abstract (‘Case Presentation’) to acknowledge this, and also re-drafted paragraph 1 of the ‘Discussion’

Reviewer 3

1. In response to Reviewer 3, the units for IVIg have been corrected from g/l/day to g/kg/day in paragraph 3 of the Case Presentation.

2. In response to Reviewer 3, the CSF protein reference range has been inserted to paragraph 2 of the Case Presentation.

3. We are in agreement that Figure 1 does not add much technical information to the content of the report, but it does act as an interesting visual hook for the case. We have retained it for now but would be prepared to omit it, should the
Editors of the journal deem it to me superfluous.

We hope that the article is now acceptable for publication. Should you agree, we would be grateful if costs associated with publication could be invoiced to Dr NJ Beeching at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Pembroke Place, Liverpool, L3 5QA.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

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