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Dear JMCR Editorial Team,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise and resubmit our manuscript entitled, “Prognosis of West Nile Virus Associated Acute Flaccid Paralysis: A Case Series” (MS: 4429529750551201 R2). Our responses to your requests are as follows:

1. “In keeping with journal style for case series, please include relevant details of each of the 7 patients with AFP’s cases (including age, sex and ethnicity) in the case presentation section of the abstract and in the main body of the manuscript (http://jmedicalcasereports.com/info/instructions/#presentation).”

We have ensured that the age, sex and ethnicity are now included in the abstract and case presentation section of the abstract.

2. “I also have a few questions with regards to consent. The way the consent section is worded makes it sound like consent was obtained from 157 patients to take part in the study; however, this is different to consent to publish. We need consent to publish from the 7 patients with AFP, whose details are given in the manuscript. Please can you request the consent to publish forms from the authors, which show that each patient has agreed to the publication of these results?”

Regarding the consent, you are correct; we obtained consent from all participants at the time of enrollment into the research cohort. This consent form, approved by our Research Ethics Board, also includes consent to publication of collected data. The patients (including the 7 patients described in this cohort) fully understood that the data obtained during this natural history cohort would be published and we have copies of their consents. This is consistent with our institutional approach to consent. We would be happy to discuss this further if there are further questions, or require clarification.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the authors,

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