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Title: Spinal Infarction in Sickle Cell Disease, a Rare and Unexplained Complication

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Dear Journal of Medical Case Reports:

We would like to submit the attached Manuscript, “Spinal Infarction in Sickle Cell Disease, a Rare and Unexplained Complication” for consideration for publication in the case report section of the Journal of Hematology and Oncology. This manuscript reviews a case of a sickle cell patient presenting with a spinal cord infarct. This is only the third case report of spinal cord infarction in association with sickle hemoglobin with the most recent being 30 years ago.

We believe that all of the editors would find this manuscript intriguing. We do not have any particular reviewers in mind for this paper.

We have noted no conflict of interest with the content of this paper and the senior editor, associate editor, and reviewers of Journal of Medical Case Reports.

The imaging findings of this case were reported in “MRI of cervical spinal cord infarction in a patient with sickle cell disease” (Marquez et al. Clinical Imaging 36: 595-598, 2011). This paper described the use of diffuse-weighted imaging in the diagnosis of spinal infarction in this patient. The clinical setting, physical findings, laboratory investigation, treatment and subsequent course were not covered. Our paper is important to the literature because it covers these aspects of the case and reviews the literature on previously reported cases. This is an unusual presentation and unexpected event in the course of a patient with SCD and deserves greater exposure in the hematology community.

This paper has not been published or accepted for publication. It is not under consideration at another journal.

Sincerely,

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