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Title: Survival of a case of Bacillus cereus meningitis with brain abscess presenting as immune reconstitution syndrome after febrile neutropenia – a case report and literature review

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Page 6, Line 4 – please spell out what constitutes FLAG-M regimen.

-> Thank you for pointing out. It was spelled out.

“Glucocorticoid administration was considered, but not used because no severe neurological symptoms have developed.”

This sentence is not entirely accurate as the authors mention earlier (Page 10, line 14) that there was a ‘dramatic worsening of fever, consciousness and meningism’ and some may consider this to be reflective of severe neurological symptoms. Perhaps rephrase to “Glucocorticoid administration was considered but ultimately not used” or "Glucocorticoid administration was not used to treat immune reconstitution syndrome."

-> Thank you for the comment. We rephrased as below;

"Glucocorticoid administration was not used to treat immune reconstitution syndrome."

“In comparison to the previous reports, our case shared common features, such as uncountable peripheral blood WBCs at the onset of meningitis or the complication of brain abscesses.”
Perhaps rephrase this sentence to “Our case shared common features with previous reports such as severe neutropenia at the onset of meningitis and the complication of brain abscesses.”

-> Thank you for your proposal. We rephrased as such.

Figure 1 has been improved and is acceptable.

Please exclude second Day 25 image in Figure 1 and exclude Figure 2.

-> Thank you for your suggestion. We changed as such. We excluded Figure 2 according to your suggestion.

Overall, we would like to thank the reviewers and editors for improving our case report.