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Timothy Shipley
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Re: Bicycling, heat exposure, and recurrent meningitis (RE: 1552726919123773)

Dear Mr. Shipley:

We are pleased to submit a revised version of our manuscript, “Heat exposure and bicycling trigger recurrent aseptic meningitis – a case report” (RE: 1552726919123773) to be considered for publication as a case report in BMC Neurology.

Reviewer #1:
Why serum immunoglobulin levels measurement and serum electrophoresis were not done? Hypogammaglobulinaemia may be a predisposing factor in recurrent herpes simplex virus encephalitis and other infectious infectious diseases.

We thank the reviewer for this thoughtful comment. While a review of the literature did not suggest this to be a frequent cause of herpes virus reactivation, we incorporated the following sentence into our manuscript:
“Herpes virus dissemination has been observed with immunoglobulin hypoglobulinemia and dysglobulinemia [6, 7], something that was not tested in our patient.”

We also added the following references:


All changes to the manuscript are highlighted. I thank you for your kind attention and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Olaf Stüve, M.D., Ph.D.