Reviewer’s report

Title: Shoshin Beriberi in Critically-Ill Patients: Case Series

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In this manuscript, the authors presented four case studies involving patients with rare fulminant variant of beriberi, a disease due to thiamine deficiency. The case studies were well-presented with detailed description of medical procedures performed on the patients and their conditions during their treatments. Furthermore, the meticulous discussion of beriberi, its clinical symptoms as well as its diagnosis were very helpful in elucidating the connection between clinical manifestation of beriberi and its underlying metabolic disorders. More importantly, this manuscript highlights an urgent call for a more thorough examination for thiamine deficiency on critically-ill patients receiving parenteral nutrition without soluble vitamins as well as those exhibiting unexplained recalcitrant lactic acidosis. I recommend this manuscript to be considered for publication in Nutrition Journal.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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I declare that I have no competing interests.