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

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The manuscript “Shoshin Beriberi in Critically ill patients: Case series by Dabar G et al., describes about a case series of four critically ill patients with severe lactic acidosis and refractory cardio-circulatory collapse, due to acute fulminant beriberi, which have responded to the administration of thiamine. This study also highlighted the need for increased awareness of this life-threatening disease condition, especially among patients receiving parenteral nutrition and those with unexplained recalcitrant lactic acidosis.

The manuscript is well-written and organized with an appropriate figure describing the role of thiamine in the metabolism of carbohydrates.

The following minor corrections have been observed and needs to be incorporated

Ref#2: Correct the page numbers.
Ref#4, 5, 12,14,16,18,20: Provide the full-page numbers, if it is the format followed throughout
Ref#13,15,19: Are these single page articles?
Figures 1A to 1D: Label X – and Y- axis
Figure 2: Provide a very short description of this figure as a figure legend

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests