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Title: Misdiagnosis of inclusion body myositis: two case reports and a retrospective chart review.

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Dear Journal of Medical Case Reports Editorial Office,

We respectfully re-submit our manuscript entitled “Misdiagnosis of inclusion body myositis: two case reports and a retrospective chart review.” Within this work we describe our clinical experience of patients initially misdiagnosed and referred to our neuromuscular division for a second opinion over the last ten years who were then correctly diagnosed years after symptom onset with sporadic inclusion body myositis (s-IBM). S-IBM is a chronic adult inflammatory myopathy that often presents with indolent symptoms and physical exam findings which may be misdiagnosed as other neuromuscular disorders. We feel that it is important for clinicians to properly diagnose s-IBM in order to prevent unnecessary treatments, and that readers of Journal of Medical Case Reports (including internists, family practice doctors, physiatrists, neurologists and neuromuscular subspecialists) will find our case descriptions and retrospective chart review interesting and beneficial.

This manuscript is an original work and not under consideration for publication in any other journal.

We affirm that informed consent was obtained from both patients for publication and that local Institutional Review Board approval was obtained for the retrospective chart review.

We also confirm that all changes were made in formatting as per the editorial office requests. These changes have been highlighted in red within the text are also listed below:

1. Please enumerate the cases in the Case presentation section accordingly (e.g. Case 1 patient...Case 2 patient...) This was done.

2. Please include a list of abbreviations used in the manuscript and their meanings after the Conclusions section. This was done.

3. Please include the Ethnicity of the patient in the Abstract and Case presentation sections. This was done.

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6. Please confirm if a consent statement was obtained from the patient for the publication of this manuscript. This was done.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Rison, M.D.