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Dr. I. Brook
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Dear Dr. Brook,

Re: Manuscript ID JMCR-D-18-00714

Thank you very much for the reviewer’s comments. We have addressed all the issues raised as follows:

Reviewers comments and responses:

1. Add a paragraph at the end of the Introduction that explains why this case report is presented (what is unique and adds to the medical knowledge). The current last paragraph of the Introduction belongs to the Case Report section.

We have changed the last paragraph of the introduction to highlight the importance of this case report and what it adds to medical knowledge (Pages 2-3).
2. The case report should include past medical, social, environmental, family and employment history. What medications was the patient on prior to diagnosis? Did the patient smoke, and/or consume alcohol?

The patient’s past medical, social, and family history are now included in the case report, as well as his medication and substance use history (Pages 3-4).

3. Give detailed physical and neurological examination on admission. What was the temperature, pulse, blood pressure and temperature, on admission?

The physical examination is outlined on Page 4. The patient was not admitted to hospital but was seen in an out-patient general medicine clinic. As such, his temperature was not recorded.

4. Give all results of laboratory findings (i.e. CBC, liver and renal functions), urinalysis, serology, microbiology etc).

We have now added Table 1 with all lab results to address this.

5. Give information about follow-up for at least 6 months.

Information on follow-up and patient outcomes are highlighted in the last paragraph of the case presentation (Pages 4-5). We have now specified the timeline of these symptoms.

6. Discussion – add a paragraph at the beginning of the discussion that summarizes the case and describes what is unique in this case compared to what is available in the literature.

We have now included a paragraph at the beginning of the discussion summarizing the case and its uniqueness.

Having incorporated these changes, we believe that this manuscript has been strengthened and that it is now acceptable for publication in the Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Sincerely,

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