Author’s response to reviews

Title: Title: The lab findings do not lie. (A Case Report of a patient with multiple electrolyte imbalances and mixed-acid base disorder posing a diagnostic dilemma)

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Reply to reviewer requests:

Thank you for the revisions.

Below is our reply to your requests and comments.

1.a. 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) We have added a sentence to the introduction in the abstract and article that states the major learning point of our article. Thank you.

   b. 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 added a paragraph to the beginning of the discussion that summarizes the case and have highlighted the unique learning point of this article in a sentence at the conclusion. Thank you.

2. The case report should include a. past social, Has been highlighted. Thank you.

   b. environmental, Has been added and highlighted. Thank you.

   c. family and Has been highlighted. Thank you.

   d. employment history. Has been added and highlighted. Thank you.
3. What medications was the patient receiving prior to presentation? Has been highlighted. Thank you.
Did the patient smoke or use illicit drugs? Has been added and highlighted. Thank you.

4. Give detailed physical and neurological examination on admission. Has been added and highlighted. Thank you.

5. What was the blood pressure and temperature, on admission? Has been added and highlighted. Thank you.

6. Give the name of all antibiotics administered with duration, routes of administration, and dose.

7. Give the list of all medications that were given and their doses.

8. Give all the REAL results of laboratory findings (i.e. CBC, liver and renal functions), thyroid tests, urinalysis, serology, microbiology etc) Give these in a Table to cover repeat tests during the hospitalization.

9. Were any radiographic and other scans done? Show a representative X-ray and scans.

10. Give information about follow-up for at least 6 months. The Patient was from out of state on vacation when she fell sick and was managed in our hospital and ICU. She returned to her state after discharge and did not have any other symptoms when she was reached 1 month after discharge for checkup and to obtain consent. Thank you.

The list of all medications, routes of administration and dose, all lab results from the chart can be supplied for your record purpose. We believe that any further revision to the article as it is will make it become too lengthy with excess non-contributory information. Our focus in this article was to discuss at length the uncommon presentation of alcohol intoxication and withdrawal in our patient and share how trusting the labs over a given history could have helped us make a diagnosis earlier. Thank you.