

Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for your very constructive comments and suggestions.

As highlighted in the Manuscript revision file, we have changed the main body text of each case presentation following your suggestions. Under the heading of Case Presentation, we presented the following seven aspects in this order, as recommended:

1) Chief complaints; 2) History of present illness; 3) History of past illness; 4) Personal and family history; 5) Physical examination upon admission; 6) Laboratory examinations; 7) Imaging examinations.

Also, we added the related information the final diagnosis, treatment, and outcome and follow-up under the subtitles for each Case presentation, as suggested.

Reviewer's comments and answers

1.SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article presents an interesting topic. However, the word 'Case series' might be more appealing for this case report title.

Thank you for the suggestion. The title was changed following the recommendation in 43481-Edicted file.

2. SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is a case study not a research work. Better it should be published as technical report in their University.

Thank you for the comment. We also think it would be very interesting to publish the first report of Gaucher disease from Montenegro considering Montenegro is a small country counting population near 650.000 citizens we have 5 patients diagnosed with Gaucher disease (excluding one more which is lost to follow-up) that is quite an impressive number.

3. SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article describes about case reports of Gaucher disease (GD) in Montenegro. Clinical phenotypes of GD have been revealed to correlate with glucocerebrosidase (GBA) gene mutations. N370S was the most common mutation in all five patients examined. A table for the combination of the mutations in each patients would be helpful for readers.

Thank you for this very constructive suggestion. Table 1 Genotype/phenotype correlations was added.

4. SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for submitting your manuscript, Regrettably, after very careful consideration at the Editorial Board level, we have decided that your manuscript is not appropriate for publication in current journal. Unfortunately, we can only publish a portion of the manuscripts submitted to our journal. Therefore, we are returning the manuscripts that are inappropriate as quickly as possible without a time consuming and formal review. In making this decision we do not intend to criticize your work. We are sure that others in this specialized field will find it interesting, but our decision is solely based on the paper's inappropriateness. Please do not be discouraged and rest assured that we will welcome other manuscripts from you to be considered for publication in our journal.

Thank you for taking our paper under consideration. We will be very pleased to publish for the first time this kind of the report of rare disease from Montenegro, it would help us further investigations in this very important filed of medicine.

5. SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The Authors described 5 cases of Gaucher disease, all studied at genetic level. The main point of interest relies on the lack of previous description of cases from Montenegro. I have a few specific comments: 1) When genotype-phenotype correlations are claimed, they should be evident and statistically proved. I do not feel that in this cases any significant correlation could be demonstrated. The title should be then changed to "genotypic and clinical (or phenotypical) characterization" 2) Table 1: heading lanes should be limited to one, putting

the case number in an additional column at the beginning. This would make the table more clear.

Thank you for very constructive suggestions.

1)The title was changed following the recommendation in 43481-Edicted file.

2)The Table 1 was edited following suggestions.

If you have any more concerns about the article please feel free to contact me for additional changes.

Yours sincerely,

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