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**PART 1:**

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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">British Journal of Medicine and Medical Research</a>                            |
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| Type of the Article      | Short Research Article  |

**PART 2:**

| FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)   | Authors' response to final evaluator's comments |
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| <p>The authors made important clarifications.</p> <p>However some questions still need answers :</p> <p>1.What were the criteria used for retaining or excluding the diagnosis of "meningitis /encephalitis" based on the lumbar puncture results analysis(CSF leukocyts and RBCs numbers, proteins level)</p> <p>2. There remained 14% of the cases with no diagnosis : Did the authors looked for other neurotropic viruses by PCR (VZV, Enterovirus , Adenovirus), or by serology especially HIV viruses and related conditions (Toxoplasmosis??)</p> <p>3.In theses 14% of patients with no clear diagnosis, and given the old age of the population of the study did the authors exclude paraneoplastic encephalitis, if yes, what were the criteria used. What was the final outcome of these 14% of patient with had no clear diagnosis?</p> <p>5. No mention was made about endocrine disorders especially thyroid and adrenal disease in these 14% of patients.</p> |   |

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