

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Paradoxical Reaction in an HIV-Negative Spinal Tuberculous Arachnoiditis Patient

Recommendation:

Accept as it is ☐☐☒☐☐

Accept after minor revision ☐☐☐☐☐

Accept after major revision ☐☐☐☐☐☐

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) ☐☐☐

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This case report talks about a 26-year-old man with TB meningitis and spinal arachnoiditis. He was HIV negative. He got standard TB medicines and steroids. After 2 months, his symptoms got worse even though he was on treatment. This is called a paradoxical reaction. With continued treatment and steroids, he improved.

Strengths:

1. Shows a rare case with clear details.
2. Explains how paradoxical reactions can happen even without HIV.
3. Gives a good example of management and follow-up.

Weaknesses:

1. Only one case; results can't apply to everyone.
2. Limited discussion about why this happens.
3. No long-term follow-up.

Overall Assessment:

A clear and helpful report that spreads awareness about this rare problem. Useful for doctors but needs more studies. Reference should be formatted as per journal format.

Recommendation:

Manuscript accepted for the publication.