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| Journal Name: | [**International Journal of Medical and Pharmaceutical Case Reports**](https://journalijmpcr.com/index.php/IJMPCR) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_IJMPCR\_141656** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Malignant or necrotizing otitis externa complicated by peripheral facial paralysis in an immunocompromised diabetic patient with insulin therapy imbalance** |
| Type of the Article | Case report |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | 1. Highlights the need of good glycemic control when dealing with a case of Necrotising Otitis externa 2. Highlights how early intervention and follow ups can prevent complications and recovery 3. Highlights how treatment for an old disease is getting difficult with time in view of developing antibiotic resistance, increasing prevalence of severe Diabetes Mellitus |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Can be shortened  Facial Paralysis as a complication of Necrotising Otitis Externa: Role Of Uncontrolled Diabetes |  |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | Not comprehensive, needs concise information on following points:   1. Reason for medical treatment resistance - was it due to the causative organism or the uncontrolled diabetes 2. What does elective onset diabetes mean 3. What does complementary treatment mean 4. What all was done in brief to attain cure |  |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Needs improvement in certain areas |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Tsilivigkos C, Avramidis K, Ferekidis E, Doupis J. Malignant External Otitis: What the Diabetes Specialist Should Know-A Narrative Review. Diabetes Ther. 2023 Apr;14(4):629-638. doi: 10.1007/s13300-023-01390-9. Epub 2023 Mar 10. PMID: 36897495; PMCID: PMC10064349.  Badaruddin A, Choo MM. Facial nerve palsy in otitis externa: A red flag? Malays Fam Physician. 2021 Feb 1;16(1):117-120. doi: 10.51866/cr1108. PMID: 33948150; PMCID: PMC8088737.  José Luis Treviño González, Laura Lisset Reyes Suárez, Jesús Eduardo Hernández de León,  Malignant otitis externa: An updated review,  American Journal of Otolaryngology,  Volume 42, Issue 2,  2021,  102894,  ISSN 0196-0709,  https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amjoto.2020.102894. |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Needs improvement in grammar and also the flow of events of the case history, it could be arranged more systematically giving clarity to reader especially on an international platform |  |
| Optional/General comments | “The occurrence or severity of OEM is not correlated with diabetes imbalance.” This statement is contradicting the whole case report.  “the germ responsible in more than 95% of cases. It is a commensal germ of the skin, which colonizes the CAE when swimming in a pool or washing the ear.” Kindly use scientific terms like bacteria/pathogen.  “CRP curve decline third week onwards despite treatment “ this means? Infection persisted or inflammation ? Kindly explain  Lot of use of abbreviations without expansions mention anywhere |  |

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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |

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