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Dear Dr. Khalili,

We are pleased to submit the enclosed manuscript titled, "Normonatremic osmotic demyelination in the setting of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and malnutrition: Case report and literature review" for publication consideration as a case report in the *Journal of Neurovirology*.

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To date, only 6 other cases of AIDS-associated central nervous system osmotic demyelination have been reported. Three of these cases lack histopathologic confirmation of osmotic demyelination syndrome (ODS), and only 1 case documents the patient's immune status using CD4+ cell counts. While the underlying pathophysiology of ODS is complex and multifactorial, likely related to depletion in organic osmolytes, blood brain barrier disruption and apoptosis, the common associations observed in non-AIDS patients with ODS are not observed in the cases of patients with ODS and AIDS. In the present report, we summarize the 6 prior cases in the setting of our own report and identify the similarities and differences between each of the known patients. It appears that malnutrition and critical illness may lower the threshold for which ODS occurs in AIDS patients. At the end of the report, we recommend that future research be directed toward preventing this temporally random complication of AIDS and chronic illness.

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The manuscript has not been submitted nor is it under review elsewhere. All authors have reviewed the final version of this manuscript and agree to its submission in the present form. Thank you for your consideration of our manuscript in the *Journal of Neurovirology*. We look forward to hearing from you.

Here you acknowledge the final support of your team--you know, the freeloaders--who helped "review" your paper.

James E. Siegler, MD

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