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Editor,
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Please find the enclosed manuscript: "Encephalitis Followed by Optic Neuritis: A Case Report and Review of Literature" by Hasan et al. to be submitted as a case report with review to your journal "**Pakistan Journal of Medical Sciences**" for consideration of publication. All co-authors have seen and agree with the contents of the manuscript and there is no financial interest to report. We certify that the submission is original work and is not under review at any other publication and will not be submitted for publication elsewhere.

In this case report**,** we present a case of a 48-year-old male who developed optic neuritis following viral encephalitis. His first presentation was with severe headache of two weeks duration. Clinical Diagnosis of viral encephalitis was made and treated accordingly. The patient presented again three weeks later with right eye pain and other features typical of optic neuritis. Corticosteroid therapy facilitated prompt recovery.

The main objective of this case report is to increase the awareness of post-viral encephalitis optic neuritis as it is a reversible cause of vision loss. That is why; in our manuscript, we tried to include all of the published (last 10 years) case reports of post-viral encephalitis optic neuritis. We think it is very important in this part of the world (south Asia), as isolating viral agents by modern technique (PCR, culture) is not a routine practice here either due to lack of equipment or due to patients' inability to pay for the test. Moreover, due to lack of expertise (neurologists) and load of the patients in the clinic, fundoscopy is not usually routinely done during follow-up of the post-encephalitis patients. We are willing to publish this case report in your reputed journal not only because of the reputation of your journal, but also for the wide range of the readers of this journal.

We believe that our findings will be of interest to the readers of "**Pakistan Journal of Medical Sciences**" journal because of the unusual / rare complication of this case, which requires both medical and public awareness to prevent potentially severe and permanent damage of vision if not treated promptly. We hope that the editorial board will agree on the interest of this study.

Sincerely yours,

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