

Zoster myelitis in sickle cell anemia

To the Editor

Treatment of varicella zoster infection in immunocompromised patients, particularly those with hematological disorders, deserves ample consideration as they tend to have a protracted course and are prone to develop catastrophic consequences, particularly that of the central nervous system. Though Mousali et al¹ successfully managed his studied sickler with intravenous acyclovir (IVA), intravenous steroid, and physiotherapy, the escalation in the clinical state of their studied patient could be aborted if they adopted the therapeutic protocol of intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) with IVA. A recent report has shown that a combined therapy with IVA and high dose IVIg could dramatically improve the clinical state of immunocompromised patients with varicella advanced to dissemination and multi-organ failure.²

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