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Factors associated with poor outcomes of hospitalized myasthenia gravis

To the Editor

We would like to discuss the recent publication by Tiamkao et al¹ entitled 'Factors associated with poor outcomes of hospitalized myasthenia gravis'. Tiamkao et al¹ noted that "hospital category, pneumonia, and respiratory failure" are the 3 main factors associated with poor outcome. Based on the nature of a retrospective study, there are some points to be addressed. First, it cannot exclude any possible concomitant illness in the studied cases. Also, the data on "cost" in the present study should be carefully analyzed, as there were a lot of changes in the currency value in Thailand during the studied period. In addition, many previous reports mentioned the variability of clinical outcome due to pathological underlying myasthenia gravis (thymomatous versus non-thymomatous), and the methods used for treatment (medical treatment, surgical manipulation, and other techniques).² Finally, the role of underlying genetics should also be discussed. It is reported that patients with the HLA-B8-DR3 haplotype, especially among younger, female patients usually have more severe diseases.³

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