

Guillain-Barré Syndrome and Hepatitis A

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Sir,

A 22 years-old man with Guillain-Barré syndrome was presented in the recent issue of the Journal by Çomoğlu and Cesur (2006; 36(3): 185-186). The authors related his Guillain-Barré syndrome to his recent hepatitis A infection. Hepatitis A infection frequent in our country but Guillain-Barré is rare. Therefore, I would consider that it was a rare association most likely, rather than related to each other as the authors' most references indicate.

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Sir,

We would like to thank Prof. Özsoylu for his comment on our manuscript. Guillain-Barré (GB) is a disease with unknown etiology. However, some immune mechanisms which are triggered by viral infections are suspected. Some rare cases have been reported in relation with hepatitis A until today. In our case, there was positive active hepatitis A markers, elevated liver enzyme levels and no other risk factor for GB. Therefore, its concluded that hepatitis A may be associated with GB.

Regards,

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