



# **CASE PRESENTATION**

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- Mr JM is a 49 year old male admitted to CMAJH on 29/07/2014
- Emergency medical services responded to a call that he had collapsed at home
  - they arrived to find the patient fitting
  - he required heavy sedation to abort the fit and the decision was taken to intubate him (etomidate, succinylcholine, morphine, dormicum and lorazepam)
  - pupils initially pinpoint

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- Arrived @ CMJAH in the afternoon
  - BP 238/163
  - sats 97%
  - pulse 125
  - healing rash over his trunk
  - Chest: coarse crackles on the right with an expiratory wheeze
  - CVS: normal heart sounds
  - Abdo: soft with 4cm hepar; spleen 1cm below costal margin
  - CNS: sedated and paralysed; pinpoint pupils
- Loaded with epilim
- Started labetalol infusion

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- Point of care investigations
  - Hb 8.4
  - CRP < 4
  - glucose 10.9
  - U&E 146/3.5/113/19/11.6/226
  - CXR: wide mediastinum with a nodular infiltrate on the left (?miliary) and diffuse infiltrate on the right

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- Discharge summary obtained from Tshepong Hospital
    - treated empirically for TB in 2012
    - newly diagnosed HIV+ with CD4 = 118
    - renal dysfunction on previous admission – assessed as probable HIVAN
    - not yet on ART

# What are the possibilities?

- 1) Meningitis
- 2) Hypertensive emergency
- 3) Cerebrovascular accident
- 4) Toxin ingestion
- 5) Uraemia

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- Mr JM commenced the following therapy in the emergency department
  - co-amoxiclav 1.2g IVI 8 hourly
  - azithromycin 500mg IVI daily
  - enoxaparin 40mg s/c daily
  - co-trimoxazole 4amps IVI 6 hourly
  - hydrocortisone 100mg IVI 8 hourly
  - clonazepam 1mg PRN
  - 5% D/W + 150ml NaHCO<sub>3</sub> @ 100ml/hr

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# Laboratory results

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July

U&E	136/3.7/110/8/10.6/208		
FBC	6.72/8.6/47 red cells: rouleaux formation; moderate fragments; marked anisocytosis; round macrocytes; occasional normoblasts white cells: left shift; toxic granulation; Döhle bodies		
LFT	5/2/93/35/95/28/31/104		
CMP	2.06/0.89/1.8		
INR	1.02	CRP	<4
ProBNP	26 888		
CK	321	CKMB	5.6
βDG	349		
LP	glc 3.6; protein 1.93; ADA <1.0 PMN 0; lymphocytes 0 erythrocytes 3 no bacteria seen no growth; India Ink and latex negative		

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## Further investigations...

- CTB: multiple hypodense areas in the parietal and occipital lobes – old infarcts most likely secondary to emboli
- Echocardiogram: concentric LVH with good systolic function – EF 69%; diastolic dysfunction; pericardial effusion <2cm

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...admitted to ICU still intubated



**Further Mx or lx?**

31 July – 5  
August

# Subsequent progress over 6 days

- creat: 208... 256... 318... 359
- Hb: 8.6... 7.2... 8.0... 5.8...  
7.7
- platelets: 47... 53... 48... 33
- CRP <4... 125
- B/C negative
- sputum culture grew ESBL  
Klebsiella spp sensitive to  
ertapenem
- HIVVL 2 668 750
- DIC screen: PT 13.9 ,  
PTT 35.2; thrombin time 16.4;  
INR 1.11 fibrinogen 4.9<sup>↑</sup>; D-  
dimer 3.3<sup>↑</sup>; anti-thrombin 112
- opening eyes to stimuli
- BP still uncontrolled
- developed diarrhoea
- started amlodipine and  
carvedilol
- started fluconazole and TB  
treatment
- started and stopped decadron

# Further plan of action included

- Gastroscope
- MRI/MRA brain
- EEG
- Renal sonar
- Bone marrow

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- Diagnosis of TTP suggested by the classic pentad:
    - neurological manifestations
    - fever
    - renal dysfunction
    - thrombocytopenia
    - microangiopathic haemolytic anaemia

# Treatment of choice?

- 1) Plasma infusion
- 2) Plasma exchange
- 3) Corticosteroids
- 4) Anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody
- 5) Intravenous immunoglobulins