

Abstract

Bickerstaff encephalitis (BSE) is a rare neurological condition first described in middle of the 20th century. It is characterized by encephalopathy, hyperreflexia, ophthalmoplegia and ataxia. It is a disease in a spectrum of guillain – barre syndrome and miller fisher syndrome. Viral infections play a major role in its pathogenesis. In Sri Lanka, BSE is not reported frequently may be due to lack of resources to confirm the diagnosis. Here we are presenting a case of bickerstaff encephalitis presented with ataxia ophthalmoplegia and drowsiness with evidence of past Epstein bar viral infection.