

Abstract

Mycobacterium tuberculosis is the second commonest cause of death due to infectious diseases in the world, causing about 1.5 million deaths per year. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* can affect all major organ systems and tuberculous meningitis is the most severe and lethal form of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection. Stroke is a known complication associated with tuberculous meningitis although it is rarely the presenting complaint.

We report a patient who presented with an acute stroke which progressively evolved without much systemic symptoms to suggest tuberculous meningitis. She was diagnosed based on CSF analysis and radiological investigations. Although she developed paradoxical worsening with the initiation of treatment, she made a complete recovery.

Tuberculous meningitis can have a variety of clinical presentations. Therefore, physicians should have a high degree of clinical suspicion about this disease.