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## **Abstract**

Bickerstaff's brainstem encephalitis (BBE) is a demyelinating disorder, which is characterized by ophthalmoplegia, ataxia and central nervous system involvement. (1) We present a case of a 54-year-old man with type 2 diabetes mellitus with BBE, who has ataxia, confusion and hyporeflexia following lower limb wound infection but without ophthalmoplegia. His MRI brain, nerve conduction studies and cerebrospinal fluid analysis supported the diagnosis and he responded well to plasmapheresis.