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# Correction: Simplified regimen of combined low-dose rituximab for autoimmune encephalitis with neuronal surface antibodies

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Following publication of the original article [1], the authors identified an error in Table 1. The “n” numbers in the head row of Table 1 are incorrect and inconsistent.

The correct version of Table 1 is given in this correction (Table 1).

In “Results” section under the heading “clinical outcomes”. The X in sentence “Especially, during the study.....” should be updated with 11 and 1.

It should read as,

Especially, during the study, 12 patients in total 59 patients had 12 relapses (11 with NMDAR-AE, 1 with LGI1-AE).

The original article [1] has been corrected.

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**Table 1** Characterization of the patient cohort

	TOTAL		NMDAR-AE		LG1-AE		CASPR2-AE		<i>p</i> value
	RTX ( <i>n</i> = 18)	Ctrl ( <i>n</i> = 41)	<i>p</i> value	RTX ( <i>n</i> = 14)	Ctrl ( <i>n</i> = 27)	<i>p</i> value	RTX ( <i>n</i> = 3)	Ctrl ( <i>n</i> = 9)	
Gender; female/ male	8/10	18/23	0.595	7/7	11/16	0.406	1/2	5/4	0.100
Age at onset, years; mean (95% CI)	41.88 (33–50)	37.61 (32–42)	0.356	35.28 (27–42)	34.22 (28–40)	0.823	63.33 (48–78)	52.88 (43–62)	0.190
From onset to diagnosis, days; median (IQR)	20 (78)	24 (52)	0.863	14.5 (23.75)	16 (51)	0.185	35 (/)	60 (63)	0.864
Follow-up dura- tion, days; mean (95% CI)	1058 (768–1349)	1362 (1136– 1587)	0.120	1084 (802–1376)	1488 (1215– 1556)	0.059	1086 (/)	1640 (1278)	0.926
Symptoms; <i>n</i> (%)									
Seizures	66.7%	61.0%	0.455	71.4%	66.7%	0.100	66.7%	55.6%	0.100
Cognitive impairment	94.4%	85.4%	0.422	92.9%	85.2%	0.645	100%	100%	—
Psychiatric symptoms	83.3%	87.8%	0.690	78.6%	88.9%	0.393	100%	88.9%	0.100
Decreased conscious- ness	44.4%	29.3%	0.201	57.1%	33.3%	0.189	0.0%	11.1%	0.100
Autonomic dysfunction	27.8%	22.0%	0.742	28.6%	25.9%	0.100	33.3%	0.0%	0.250
Movement disorder	44.4%	26.8%	0.151	50%	22.2%	0.089	33.3%	33.3%	0.100
Fever	44.4%	39.0%	0.457	57.1%	51.9%	0.504	0.0%	11.1%	0.100
CSF/MRI/EEG profiles									
CSF cc; median, (IQR)	7 (67)	8 (23)	0.613	8.5 (9.05)	12 (26)	0.264	4 (/)	2 (4)	0.282
CSF protein; mean, (95% CI)	404.45 (318–490)	353.82 (288–419)	0.370	372.05 (274–469)	405.57 (313–497)	0.637	470.28 (93–847) (179–314)	247.21 (179–314)	<b>0.009</b>
CSF pressure; mean, (95% CI)	174.72 (146–203)	161.46 (140–182)	0.463	182.85 (147–218)	170.18 (140–199)	0.587	145.00 (46–243) (100–162)	131.66 (100–162)	0.632
MRI abnor- malities; <i>n</i> (%)	50.0%	56.1%	0.440	64.3%	51.9%	0.336	0.0%	77.8%	<b>0.045</b>
EEG abnor- malities; <i>n</i> (%)	61.1%	43.9%	0.175	71.4%	48.1%	0.137	33.3%	33.3%	0.100

**Table 1** (continued)

	TOTAL		NMDAR-AE		LGI1-AE		CASPR2-AE					
	RTX (n = 18)	Ctrl (n = 41)	p value	RTX (n = 14)	Ctrl (n = 27)	p value	RTX (n = 3)	Ctrl (n = 9)	p value	RTX (n = 1)	Ctrl (n = 5)	p value
CSF/Serum Ab profiles												
CSF Ab positive	94.4%	80.5%	0.252	100%	88.9%	0.539	100%	77.8%	0.100	0.0%	40%	—
Serum Ab positive	38.9%	61.0%	0.100	28.6%	48.1%	0.321	66.7%	77.8%	0.100	100%	100%	—
Both Ab positive	33.3%	41.5%	0.386	28.6%	37.0%	0.734	66.7%	55.6%	0.100	0.0%	40%	—
Prior 1st-line immunotherapy; n (%)	100%	—	100%	100%	—	100%	100%	—	100%	100%	—	—
1st-line therapy, n (%)												
MPPT	72.2%	97.6%	<b>0.008</b>	85.7%	93.3%	0.265	33.3%	100%	<b>0.045</b>	0	100%	—
MG	94.4%	46.3%	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	92.9%	55.6%	<b>0.031</b>	100%	33.3%	0.182	100%	20%	—
Both	66.7%	43.9%	0.092	78.6%	51.9%	0.176	33.3%	33.3%	0.100	0	20%	—
RTX therapy												
Time from RTX therapy, days; median (IQR)	74.5 (410)	—	—	128.5 (405)	—	—	6 (4)	—	—	5 (4)	—	—
No. of RTX infusions; median (IQR)	5 (4)	—	—	5 (3)	—	—	3 (4)	—	—	3 (4)	—	—
Cumulative RTX dose; g; median (IQR)	500 (400)	—	—	500 (300)	—	—	300 (4)	—	—	300 (4)	—	—
1st to last infusion, days; median (IQR)	389 (864)	—	—	457.5 (863)	—	—	15 (4)	—	—	214 (4)	—	—
Averaged dose of prednisone, mg/day; median (IQR)	4.375 (7.67)	27.13 (21.67)	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	5.563 (4.011)	28.89 (21.67)	<b>&lt;.0001</b>	0	10.83 (19.52)	<b>0.009</b>	0	25.71 (20.057)	—
Relapses; n (%)												
After 1st-line therapy	33.3%	12.2%	0.074	42.9%	18.5%	0.140	33.3%	0.0%	0.250	0	0	—
After RTX therapy	0	—	—	0	—	—	0	—	—	0	—	—

NOTE: p values <0.05 are considered to be statistically significant, and are indicated in italic and bolditalic  
AE autoimmune encephalitis, NMDAR N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor, LGI1 leucine-rich glioma-inactivated protein-like-1, CASPR2 contactin-associated protein-like-2, RTX rituximab, Ctrl control, CI confidence interval, IQR interquartile range, CSF cerebrospinal fluid, MRI magnetic resonance imaging, EEG electroencephalogram, cc cell count, Ab antibody, MPPT methylprednisolone pulse therapy, MG intravenous immunoglobulin.

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