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Dear Doctor

Re: Mr James Saint Dob: 09.09.1977
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I saw James at Mount Alvernia Hospital on the 15th May 2025.

James had been in very good health over the years until after he had a vaccine in 2021 when he developed an immediate post vaccine syndrome consisting of weakness and contortion of his upper and lower limbs lasting for a few weeks. Following that he developed a left-sided predominantly sensory neuropathic pain syndrome which was managed without any medical intervention.

An exacerbation of this syndrome has been occurring particularly in the left side of his head and neck recently which precipitated the referral today.

There is no history of any systemic symptoms in terms of rashes, fevers, sweats, uveitis, lymphadenopathy or arthralgia.

Past medical history is otherwise unremarkable. There is a family history of autoimmunity with his sister having Crohn's colitis.

On examination I wondered about subtle pupil asymmetry with the left pupil smaller than the right but interestingly the disc was paler on the left. There was no afferent pupillary defect. There were no other cranial nerve signs.

Limb examination revealed normal tone and power. His reflexes were on the brisk side but reflex plantar responses. He had definite loss of vibration to the left anterosuperior iliac spine. There were no cerebellar signs.

The asymmetrical vibration loss would be highly suggestive of a high spinal cord lesion which would also fit with his left-sided cranial neuropathic symptoms in the distribution of the lesser occipital nerve. His reported selective hair loss along that region could reflect an autonomic component to his symptoms.

Given the constellation and duration of his symptoms I certainly feel that a full immunological screen is justified along with some imaging of his brain and cervical spine. I have also arranged some evoked potentials.

I will review him with the results in a couple of weeks' time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Omar Malik".

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