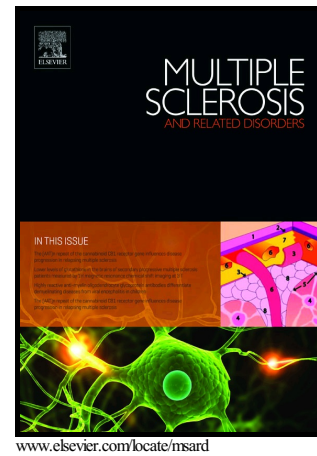


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Abstract

Background:

Short transverse myelitis (STM) is considered uncommon in neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorders (NMOSD). Poor recognition of STM occurring in NMOSD may lead to increased delay in diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

Objectives:

The aim of this study was to assess the frequency and characteristics of STM in Chinese patients with NMOSD.

Methods:

We enrolled 91 patients with NMOSD based on the 2015 International Consensus Diagnostic Criteria for NMOSD. The patients were divided into STM group and longitudinally extensive transverse myelitis (LETM) group according to the length of initial spinal cord lesions at the initial myelitis manifestation of NMOSD.

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