the whitewater facility during the site visit. All 11 water-related samples taken from the facility were positive for N. fowleri. Of 5 samples taken from the natural river, 1 sediment sample was positive for N. fowleri.

**Conclusion.** This investigation documents a novel exposure to an artificial whitewater facility as the likely exposure causing PAM in this case. Conditions in the whitewater facility (warm, turbid water with little chlorine and heavy algal growth) rendered the water treatment ineffective and provided an ideal environment for N. fowleri to thrive. The combination of natural and engineered elements at the whitewater facility create a challenging environment to control the growth of N. fowleri.

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1018. Lyme Disease in Hispanics in Long Island, New York: A New Health Disparity in the U.S.

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**Background.** Lyme disease (LD) is the most commonly reported vector-borne illness in the U.S. A risk factor for acquiring LD is the exposure to outdoors. In Long Island, Hispanics compromise a large share of the outdoor occupational workforce.

**Methods.** A retrospective chart review was performed in all patients with ICD-9 or ICD-10 diagnostic codes for LD between 2011–2016 in SHH and 2010–2015 in SBUH. Cases were defined as a confirmed positive Lyme antibody test, ICD-9 or ICD-10 code for Lyme disease, and three of the following: fever, rash, lymphadenopathy, headache, aseptic meningitis, or serological confirmation by western blot according to CDC (SBUH) or Imungene® (SHH) criteria.

**Results.** Out of 1,018 cases (766 SBUH:260 SHH) that carried a diagnosis of LD, 284 cases (22% Hispanics) met inclusion criteria and were added to final analysis (241 SBUH; 43 SHH). The mean age was 48.8 (SD:17.8) and 48.3 (SD:17.5) years-old in H and NH, respectively (p > 0.05). Most were male (H:62.2%; NH: 54.3%; P = 0.2). In the univariable analysis, headaches were more frequently present in H (42.6%) than in NH (26.6%) (P = 0.015). In the logistic regression analysis, the following symptoms were significantly different between H and NH: headaches (OR 1.17, 95% CI 1.60–6.59, P = 0.001) and peripheral neuropathy (OR 0.38, 95% CI 0.15–0.96, P = 0.04). Among seasons, fall was more frequently diagnosed with Lyme during spring months than NH (H: 26.3% vs. NH: 12.6%; P = 0.03).

**Conclusion.** Hispanics have a greater risk for presenting with headaches and less peripheral neuropathy than NH. Initiation of outdoor work among H may be the reason of this disproportionate presentation of LD symptoms during spring months. These findings may suggest the propensity for Hispanics to go undiagnosed with LD, despite their high likelihood of exposure through their occupations in this region.

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1019. Varicella-zoster virus Neurovasculitis (VZV-NV) in the Setting of Autoantibodies to Interferon alpha (anti-IFNα)

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**Background.** VZV-NV resulting in CNS damage is rare in immunocompetent hosts. The potential for autoantibodies against antiviral IFNα and T-cell mediated immunity shields against reactivation of the latent virus. Individuals who are immunocompromised due to T-cell mediated defects can present with systemic VZV.

**Methods.** Case report of a previously healthy man who developed VZV-NV associated with autoantibodies to IFNα.

**Results.** A previously healthy 64 year-old man developed an acute T3 Brown-Sequard syndrome. Symptoms progressed to include bilateral lower extremity weakness, paresthesia, ophthalmoplegia, and encephalopathy. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) showed diffuse T2 hypointensities with enhancement throughout the spine and brain, including enhancement of his meninges, roots, and cranial nerves. Successive cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) studies revealed increasing B-cell lymphocytosis, (maximum 661 cells/mcl), and CSF protein (maximum 242 mg/dL). CSF PCR was positive for VZV. IgM antibodies. Further testing showed anti-IFNα autoantibodies in the plasma and CSF. Serum anti-IFNα fluorescence intensity was 30 times normal, and his plasma blocked IFNα-induced STAT-1 phosphorylation in normal monocytes. Treatment with acyclovir and methylprednisolone resulted in improve-ment. Repeat LP following treatment revealed 32 WBC/mcl with normal protein.

**Conclusion.** Serum studies were positive for VZV IgG and negative for IgM. CSF PCR was positive for VZV. Lastly, serum anti-IFNα fluorescence intensity remained 25 times normal, and his plasma continued to block IFNα-induced STAT-1 phosphorylation in normal monocytes.

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1020. Development of a Novel Anthrax Vaccine Comprising LF-PA Chimera

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**Background.** Bacillus anthracis (BA), the etiological agent of anthrax, secretes protective antigen (PA), lethal factor (LF), and edema factor (EF) as major virulence factors. Among them, PA based vaccines are most indispensable for providing immunity against BA, but the low shelf life limits its reliability. Previous studies revealed that PA domain IV includes B-cell epitopes designated as ID I, ID II, and ID III; among them, ID II and ID III have been found to possess more toxic neutralization activity and produce high antibody titre. Moreover, N-terminal region of both LF and EF acts as binding site of PA which are homologous to each other. Here, in this study we have developed and evaluated the vaccine efficacy of chimeric vaccine containing ID II-ID III region of PA and N-terminal region of LF and EF (ID-LFn).

**Materials and Methods.** ID-LFn was generated by overlapping PCR followed by cloning in PEPl28a. The recombinant protein was then expressed and purified by Ni-NTA chromatography. Reactivity of ID-LFn with anti-PA/LF/EF antibodies was checked by ELISA. Stability was assessed using Circular Dichroism Spectroscopy. The vaccine potential of ID-LFn was evaluated by toxin neutralization assay, lymphocyte proliferation assay, and cytokine analysis. The protection efficacy was analyzed by challenge studies in mice.

**Results.** ID-LFn was found to be significantly stable as compared with protective antigen. Anti-ID-LFn antibodies recognized PA, LF, and EF. Though, the total antibody titre, toxin neutralization activity was found to be less than PA but surprisingly, the protection efficacy of ID-LFn was found similar as PA.

**Conclusion.** The ID-LFn vaccine might be second next generation vaccine showing equal protection but higher shelf life as PA with the capability of neutralizing PA, LF as well as EF at the same time. Thus, it may prove an efficient and reliable treatment strategy against anthrax.

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1021. Phase 1 Clinical Trial of a Replication-Defective Human Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Vaccine

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**Background.** Congenital CMV remains an unmet medical need worldwide. Naturally acquired CMV immunity in women prior to pregnancy has been shown effective in preventing infection. V160 is registered as a replication-defective CMV, and its replication in culture is controlled by a synthetic chemical. V160 can't replicate in humans but it maintains all virological properties for presentation of viral antigens, including gH/gL/pUL128-131 pentamer complex, important for potent neutralizing antibodies (NABs).

**Methods.** Approximately 190 CMV seronegative and seropositive adults at study entry received 3 doses of V160 or placebo administered via intramuscular (IM) or intradermal (ID) route on Day 1, Month 1, and Month 6. Four antigen levels (10, 30, 100, and 250 units per dose) formulated with or without aluminum phosphate adjuvant were evaluated. In each vaccination group, approximately 10 and 4 subjects received study vaccine and placebo, respectively. Injection site and systemic adverse events (SAEs) were collected for 14 days after each vaccination.

**Results.** During the study, no serious AEs were reported and only one CMV seropositive subject had non-serotype virus shedding. In both seronegative and