A 64 year old male with well-controlled diabetes mellitus and fibrocystic sarcoidosis on steroids presented to the department of Pulmonology, Manipal Hospitals, Bengaluru, India, in October 2013 with a one week history of discharging ulcer and skin rash, and one day history of seizures with altered sensorium. His medications included oxygen at 1l/min, insulin, aspirin, 15 mg prednisolone, pantoprazole and calcium. Clinical examination showed a 2x2.5 cm ulcer with clean base and serous discharge over the left thigh. Multiple 2 x 3 cm reddish non-pruritic papules were present over both lower limbs and abdomen (Fig. 1). Repeat computed tomography of the chest did not show any new consolidation or cavitation (Fig. 2), but confirmed...
stage IV sarcoidosis. CT-head showed multiple space occupying lesions (Fig. 3A); magnetic resonance imaging of the head revealed multiple enhancing intracranial ring lesions (Fig. 3B). Cerebrospinal fluid examination showed 400 polymorphs/µl, elevated protein (105 mg/dl) and depressed sugar values (45 mg/dl, corresponding blood glucose 145 mg/dl) with normal adenosine deaminase levels (3 U/l, normal <8 U/l). Biopsy from nodules showed necrosis with lympho-mononuclear dermal infiltration and Grocott’s stain revealed filamentous branching structures. Discharge from the ulcer showed long thin filamentous forms suggesting *Nocardia* that was confirmed on modified acid-fast staining (Fig. 4A); cultures were confirmed to be *Nocardia asteroides* (Fig. 4B). The patient was treated with phenytoin, ceftriaxone, amikacin and oral trimethoprim-sulphamethaxazole. Insulin and oxygen were continued and prednisolone tapered. Neurological abnormalities normalized by one week. At 12 months follow up, the patient was well.

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