Author's response to reviews

Title: Severe cholestatic jaundice after a single administration of ajmaline; a case report and review of the literature.

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Dear Colleague

Re: MS: 311632891129516
Severe cholestatic jaundice after a single administration of ajmaline; a case report and review of the literature.

Thank you for your request for a further response to the Reviewers of our manuscript.

Response to Reviewer 1:
This report has many flaws concerning basically with language. Many sentences require rephrasing.
Introduction: 2nd paragraph: "very scant evidence", please rephrase this Case presentation: 1st paragraph: "was discharged home", please rephrase this 2nd paragraph: "not been jaundiced previously", please rephrase this Patient was kept under review: this was for how long? Please mention the duration.

We have thoroughly reviewed the entire text and disagree that there are any serious problems with the quality of the language used (including in the examples given by the reviewer), although very occasional typographical errors have been corrected in the text.

The fourth paragraph of the ‘Case Presentation’ section and Figure 1 clarify that the patient was followed up for one year, by which time it was evident that the patient had fully recovered.

Conclusion: 1st paragraph: It reports CIOS/RUCAM scale but apart from conclusion section, this has not been reported anywhere. Kindly incorporate its relevance in the methods or results section as well (where applicable)

The relevance of the CIOS/ RUCAM scale to this case report as “a validated scoring system for suspected drug-induced liver injury” is described in the first paragraph of the conclusion. We disagree that further clarification about its utility is required within the text.

Response to Reviewer 2:
Authors have cited a broad non-specific review as a reference for HLA association with DILI; I suggest that reference 11 is omitted. Instead authors should cite the original articles highlighting HLA associations with cholestatic jaundice- Lucena MI et al., Gastroenterology. 2011;141(1):338-47., Donaldson PT et al., J Hepatol. 2010;53(6):1049-53., and Daly AK et al., Nat Genet.2009;41(7):816-9.

These references have been changed as suggested.
We look forward to hearing back from you. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me via b.mullish@imperial.ac.uk or via the contact details above should you require any further information.

Kind regards

Yours Faithfully

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