Author's response to reviews

Title: Overwhelming Postsplenectomy Infection Due to Mycoplasma Pneumoniae in an Asplenic Cirrhotic Patient

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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to answer the questions of the reviewers’ and the manuscript (MS:1783474497517524) has also been extensively revised according to the comments (resubmitted online).

**Question #1**: May be good to change the title of manuscript. Such as “Overwhelming Postsplenectomy Infection Due to Mycoplasma Pneumoniae in an Asplenic Cirrhotic Patient”

**Answer**: We have changed the title of the manuscript according to the comment.

**Question #2**: Declaration of competing interests: ‘I declare that I have no competing interests’

**Answer**: We have rewritten the declaration of competing interests to match the wording suggested.

**Question #3**: Is it truly patient with OPSI? What is the exact reason that this patient is defined as OPSI?

**Answer**: The exact reason includes three points. First, the patient had her spleen removed prior to the infection; Second, the clinical course progressed fulminantly with septic shock, ARDS and DIC; Third, the patient had a mycoplasma pneumoniae infection.

**Question #4**: What is reason that this OPSI is caused by mycoplasma pneumonia?

**Answer**: First, this patient’s immune was compromised by cirrhosis and aspleen. Next, this rarely fatal mycoplasma pneumonia infection was due to autoimmune cell-mediated tissue damage, inflammatory cytokines and DIC. Finally, macrolides weren’t administered early in the course of the infection.

**Question #5**: Author demonstrates that this is the first case report that OPSI due to
mycoplasma pneumonia is supposed strongly. Autopsy is performed or not? If not so, why?

Answer: The autopsy wasn’t performed due to the husband’s wishes. In our country, many people in rural areas believe that the body must be kept intact for religious purposes.

Question #6: Vaccine immunoprophylaxis preventing splenectomized patient from streptococcus pneumoniae is performed or not? If not so, why?

Answer: Vaccine immunoprophylaxis aren’t performed in all the patients of our institute before splenectomy, but we advise them to vaccinate against streptococcus pneumoniae postoperatively. The woman chose not to comply with medical advise and refused to accept any vaccinations.

Question #7: Author should reveal CT findings of splenomegaly as a figure.

Answer: We have provided a figure showing CT findings of the splenomegaly.

Question #8: Quality of written English is not so good. Final check by native speaker should be needed.

Answer: This manuscript has been edited and proofread by Mr. Ray P. Kenderdine, a resident of the U.S.A.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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