Author's response to reviews

Title: A Novel De Novo Mutation in the Serine-Threonine Kinase STK11 Gene in a Korean patient with Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome

Authors:

Jong-Ha Yoo (jhyoo92@nhimc.or.kr)
Jee-Hyoung Yoo (jhlovys@nhimc.or.kr)
Yoon-Jung Choi (chris316@nhimc.or.kr)
Jung-Gu Kang (kangski@nhimc.or.kr)
Young-Kyu Sun (labsun@nhimc.or.kr)
Chang-Seok Ki (changski@skku.edu)
Jong-Rak Choi (cjr0606@yuhs.ac)
Kyung-A Lee (KAL1119@yuhs.ac)

Version: 2 Date: 27 December 2007

Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editor and Reviewers,

We would like to resubmit the manuscript entitled, “A Novel De Novo Mutation in the Serine-Threonine Kinase STK11 Gene in a Korean Patient with Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome”, by Yoo et al., for consideration for possible publication in the BMC Medical Genetics.

<Point-by-point response to reviewer’s concerns>
1. Language revision (by Giriraj Chandak and Rodney J. Scott): We used the professional copyediting service of Yonsei University College of Medicine.
2. Proof of written consent by the patients (by editors): We will send a copy of the patients’ consent via e-mail.
3. No description about GI tract endoscopy of parents (by Haruhiko Sugimura): We recommended GI tract endoscopy, but they refused.
4. Extensive pedigree must be presented (by Haruhiko Sugimura): We made out a new extensive pedigree (Figure 2).
5. The mutation is novel but it leads to the effect that has been predicted by Thakur et al, which is not quoted in the text (by Giriraj Chandak): We quoted the result of Thakur et al in the discussion (Reference No. 23).
6. The manuscript may be submitted as a letter or a short report (by Giriraj Chandak): BMC Medical Genetics does not currently have a Short Report or a letter article category, therefore, we will keep our manuscript under Case Report category.
7. Was the polyp tissue also analyzed for the mutation? (by Giriraj Chandak):
Unfortunately, we didn’t analyze the mutation of the poly tissue.

8. ‘Case presentation’ should be substituted with methodology and ‘Identification of mutation’ should be included in the results and combined with discussion section (by Giriraj Chandak): We followed the ‘Case Report’ journal style, not Research article.

9. The number of references are too many (by Giriraj Chandak):

We reduced the number of references, appropriately.

10. LKB include in the ‘List of abbreviations’ (by Giriraj Chandak):

We added LKB in the ‘List of abbreviations’.

The data shown here have not been submitted for publication nor has it been published in whole or in part elsewhere. All the authors took part in the work and agree with the contents of the manuscript consent to its submission to BMC Medical Genetics. The category “Case Report” seems most appropriate for our manuscript but we are open to other suggestions if you recommend a different category for publication. It would be a great honor to have an article accepted in the BMC Medical Genetics. We would greatly appreciate being considered for publishing our report and hope to hear good news from you soon. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Jong-Rak Choi, M.D., Ph.D.
Department of Laboratory Medicine
Yonsei University College of Medicine
250 Seongsanno, Seodaemun-gu
Seoul 120-752, Korea
E-mail: cjr0606@yuhs.ac
Tel: +82-02-2228-2445
Fax: +82-02-313-0956
Authors:
Jong-Ha Yoo: jhyoo92@nhimc.or.kr
Jee-Hyoung Yoo: jhlovys@nhimc.or.kr
Yoon-Jung Choi: chris316@nhimc.or.kr
Jung-Gu Kang: kangski@nhimc.or.kr
Young-Kyu Sun: labsun@nhimc.or.kr
Chang-Seok Ki: changski@skku.edu
Kyung-A Lee: KAL1119@yuhs.ac