Author's response to reviews

Title: Acute infarct of the corpus callosum presenting as alien hand syndrome: evidence of diffusion weighted imaging and magnetic resonance angiography

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Dear Mr Arnold Bongcayao,

Thank you very much for your letter dated Nov. 1st, 2011 and the comments from the reviewers. Based on the reviewers’ comments and requests, we still need to make some modification to make our manuscript (5910396545757023) more easily understood. Our detailed point-by-point responses to the concerns are as follows. All the corrections are labeled in green.

Response to reviewers

Referee #1

Thank you very much for the comments from this reviewer.

Comment 1

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The following description makes readers confusion to understand the patient who had AHS.
   Please make sentences easily understood by readers.

   p4, L1; “On her bedside mental examination, she was fully alert and oriented, with no symptoms of amnesia, disorientation, agraphia, ideational apraxia, constructional apraxia, ....”
   p4, L6; “Left hemiasomatognosia and apraxia were also noted.”
   p4, L8; “She had apraxia when miming how to use tools with her left hand...”

[Reply] We accept the reviewer’s criticism. In our present manuscript, we have deleted some inconsistent descriptions of AHS to make readers more easily understand (Page 4, line 1-2).

   p4, L11; “A neurological examination showed mild left hemiparesis with slight clumsiness, and left hemianesthesia.”

[Reply] This is a good suggestion. However, these symptoms of “mild left hemiparesis and left hemianesthesia or hypesthesia” involved in AHS have been reported previously [1-5]. We inferred that these symptoms were all the hemisensory defects shown in AHS. I sincerely hope this reviewer can accept our opinion.


2. How does it be caused to impairment for ADLs?

[Reply] In this patient, we inferred that the impairment for ADLs may be attributed to the left hemiparesis (or left limbs weakness), apraxia, and intermanual conflict, with their disabling impact on everyday life (Page 4, line 12-14).

We have revised the manuscript in line with the reviewers’ comments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

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