Reviewer's report

Title: Angiolymphoid Hyperplasia with Eosinophilia Occurring in Bilateral Eyelids

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Major Compulsory Revisions.

The authors presented a case of ALHE involving the upper and lower eyelids on both sides. They also included the histological and flow cytometric findings from their study that will be helpful for ophthalmologists. However, I have several comments and questions related to this paper.

Comment #1) Abstract. The authors did not describe the treatment administered for the condition.

Comment #2) Abstract. I think that the first sentence in the Conclusion was not representative of the present case.

Comment #3) Background. Although the authors mentioned that only few cases with ALHE involving the eyelid have been reported, at least 10 cases have been reported thus far. I recommend they stress on the unique characteristics of the present case in the Background and Conclusion. The multiple nodules in 4 eyelids and palpebral conjunctivas were distinguishing characteristics of this study, although they described partially in the Conclusion. Please refer to the following previous articles (Jayamanne DGR, et al. Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia [Kimura's disease] of the conjunctiva. Br J Ophthalmol. 1995;79:1053-4 and Thompson MJ, et al. Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia affecting the eyelids. Arch Ophthalmol. 2007;125:987).

Comment #4) Case presentation. Why a local injection of triamcinolone acetonide was administered ‘before’ biopsy, especially since the authors mentioned in the Conclusion that administration of corticosteroids is generally ineffective? Were the masses suspected of being chalazion or other inflammatory entities? Please explain.

Comment #5) Case presentation. Why were the masses in the left eyelid excised 1 year after the initial operation? Did the symptoms worsen or did the masses increase in size at that time? Did the authors consider the histological difference between the left and right eyelid masses when the biopsy of the right eyelid masses was performed? Please explain.

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I declare that I have no competing interests' below.