Author's response to reviews

Title: Granulicatella bacteraemia in children: two cases and review of the literature

Authors:

Maia De Luca MD (maiadeluca@gmail.com)
Donato Amodio MD (don.amodio85@hotmail.it)
Sara Chiurchiù MD (sara_churchiu@libero.it)
Gabriele Rinelli MD (gabriele.rinelli@opbg.net)
Paola Bernaschi MD (paola.bernaschi@opbg.net)
Francesca I Calò Carducci MD, PhD (fippolita.calo@opbg.net)
Patrizia D'Argenio MD (patrizia.dargenio@opbg.net)

Version: 2 Date: 3 July 2012

Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear editorial board of BMC Paediatrics,

Please find enclosed the manuscript: “Granulicatella bacteraemia in children: two cases and review of the literature”, by Maia De Luca et al., to be submitted as a Case reports to The BMC paediatrics for consideration of publication. All co-authors have seen and agree with the contents of the manuscript and there is no financial interest to report. We certify that the submission is an original work and is not under review at any other publication.

In this manuscript, we report the first two cases, on our knowledge, of Granulicatella endocarditis in children. Furthermore we performed a brief review of the literature on endocarditis due to Granulicatella spp.

We believe that our findings could be of interest to the readers of the BMC paediatrics because they bring to consider Granulicatella spp. as a possible agent responsible of endocarditis even in paediatric patients undergoing invasive central line procedures, or with prosthetic cardiac valves. Moreover, due to the particular antibiotic susceptibility profile of these germs, we suggest the use of a combined antibiotic treatment including meropenem as a second line therapy in non-responding patients.

We hope that the editorial board will agree on the interest of this study.

Sincerely yours,

Maia De Luca on behalf of the authors.

Unit of Immunology and Infectious Disease, University Hospital Department of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Bambino Gesù and University of Rome “Tor Vergata”. Piazza Sant’Onofrio, 4 – 00165 Rome, Italy.

Tel: +39 06 6859 2935, Fax: +39 06 6859 2508

E-mail: maiadeluca@gmail.com