Author’s response to reviews

Title: Pleomorphic adenoma of the nasopharynx: a rare case with therapeutic misadventure

Authors:

Jagdeep Singh Thakur (anujagdeep@yahoo.co.in)
Narinder Kumar Mohindroo (drnmohindroo@gmail.com)
Dev Raj Sharma (driumbo1017@yahoo.co.in)
Shobha Mohindroo (drsmohindroo@yahoo.co.in)
Anammika Thakur (dr.anamika.thakur@gmail.com)

Version: 2 Date: 9 October 2009

Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Editor,

On behalf of all authors, I am thankful to you and reviewers for constructive comments. Please find below the reply for each comment made by the reviewers:

Reviewer 1:
1) Ideally, from the biologist point of view, it would be interesting to know whether this non-malignant tumor of the nasopharynx was positive or not for the Epstein-Barr virus.

Authors reply: Routinely, we did not investigate any nasopharyngeal tumor for EBV as nasopharyngeal cancer (NPC) is less common in our state. This case was managed as a routine case of NPC hence tumor was not tested for EBV.

2) The figure legends should provide more details. Especially for figures 1 and 2: it seems to me that the tumor has considerably increased between CT scan n° 1 and n°2. A comment should be given about this point. The exact dates of both CT scans should be provided in the figure legends as well as in the text.

Authors reply: Changes has been made as advised.

3) With regard to the presentation of the manuscript, some mistakes need to be corrected. In my PDF version of the manuscript, there is no title page with author names and institutional addresses. In page 4, in the last sentence before the conclusion, there is probably a typing error in the words "as the growth irradiated ..". In the legend of figure 1, "heterogeneous" should be corrected.

Authors reply: Mistakes are regretted. Title page and corrections in typing errors
has been done.

Reviewer 2:
Major compulsory revisons
Unfortunately I am not sure that this is a nasopharyngeal pleomorphic adenoma. The CT images are taken at the level of the oropharynx and appear to show that the tumour is located in the parapharyngeal region, which is a common site for minor salivary gland tumours. An image at the level of the nasopharynx would need to be included and this image would need to show that the tumour is in the nasopharyngeal cavity and not arising from the adjacent parapharyngeal space.

Authors Reply: Images has been updated.