Author’s response to reviews

Title: 1,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D and PTHrP Mediated Malignant Hypercalcemia in a Seminoma

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Dear Timothy Shipley,

Attached is a copy of the revised manuscript of a Clinical Case Seminar titled “1,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D and PTHrP Mediated Malignant Hypercalcemia in a Seminoma”, which is being submitted for a possible publication in your journal.

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest or financial disclosures and that they have critically reviewed and approved the final version of the manuscript for submission. They also agree to allow the corresponding author to serve as the primary correspondent with the editorial office, to review the edited typescript.

We appreciate the reviewers recommendations and that you have considered our manuscript for potential publication in your journal. We have taken in consideration the suggestions and made all the corresponding modifications. We are sure that this revised version has improved the quality and understanding of our manuscript.

I will proceed to give a point-by-point response to the reviewer comments.

Sincerely,

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Editorial Requirement

1. We made an exhaustive review of the manuscript in order to improve the style of written English. The language editing service in our University helped us also with this matter.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. With regard to the grammatical/language suggestions, we carried out an exhaustive review of the manuscript and implemented all changes suggested by the reviewer. We also made another few changes that improve the reading and interpretation of the paper.

2. We avoided repeating the claim “the first documented case”. This is now only mentioned once in the document. As well, this information was removed form the abstract.

3. The ultrasound description was improved.

4. We removed the word “aggressive”.

5. We rewrote the sentence in order to get more clarity.

6. We changed the information and included the two references suggested by the reviewer. One of them was published in 2014 and it was impossible to include it in the first draft.

7. We revised the sentence and agreed totally with the reviewer. In this sense, we rewrote it.

8. We changed in the text and table 1 the way urinary calcium is presented. We changed it as the reviewer suggested form mg/d to mg/kg/d. Urinary calcium in the patient did fell between 2-4 mg/kg/d.
9. The patient had cryptorchidism but he hadn’t clearly noticed before the present illness. As the reviewer suggested, we added to the discussion that cryptorchidism is a risk factor for seminoma.

10. We softened the statement of the last sentence of the discussion.

11. We included in the discussion the normal phosphorous levels that the patient presented.

12. We rearranged the references.

13. We improved the legend of the figure 1 as well as the definition of the arrow.

14. All the recommendations of the reviewer for Table 2 were followed. The exception was to include the serum calcium after the treatment. This because 6 out of the 7 cases just mention that calcium after treatment was normal and an exact value was omitted.

**Discretionary Revision:**

1. We changed the title trying to make it clearer.