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Title: Persistent NK-Large Granular lymphocytosis with autoimmune hyposplenism- an epiphenomenon?

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Dear Sir,

On 13 october 2004 Stavroula N Tsiara had asked the questions which were major compulsory revisions and we have provided the answers to all your questions as outlined below:

Answer 1. ‘Severe hyposplenism’ blood film showed large numbers of Howell-Jolly bodies and other characteristic red cell changes seen in hyposplenism; ultrasound abdomen done 17/04/1994- 'spleen could not be identified'

Answer2. %CD57+/CD8=57%

Answer 3. CD3==40.9%, CD19=13%, CD3-/CD16+/CD56+ =37% CD3+/CD4+ NOT GIVEN, CD3+/CD8+ NOT GIVEN

Answer 4. CD3+ cells were DETECTED IN BLOOD

Answer 5. CLONALITY WAS DEMONSTRATED BY DUAL ANTIBODY FLUORESCENCE

Answer 6. LETHARGY REMAINS UNCHANGED EVEN TODAY! THERE WAS NO RESPONSE TO AMITRYPTYLNE AND SHE FITS CRITERIA FOR CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME (CFS)

Answer 7. ON LAST FOLLOW UP, MARKERS WERE NOT REPEATED AS THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN CELL COUNTS OR SYMPTOMS

Answer 8. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF HELICOBACTER PYLORI IN GASTRIC EROSIONS

Answer 9. NO LYMPHADENOPATHY OR HEPATOMEGALY ON LAST FOLLOW UP IN OCTOBER 2004'

All the answers provided are to the best of our knowledge and we are extremely sorry for the delay as the case notes had to be urgently requested.
We hope the case report merits a publication in your esteemed journal,

Sincerely,
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