Author's response to reviews

Title: Splenic rupture as the presenting manifestation of primary splenic angiosarcoma: a case report

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to thank you for your decision and your help regarding our paper entitled “Splenic rupture as the presenting manifestation of primary splenic angiosarcoma: a case report” (MS: 2274587151754306) which has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Medical Case Reports*.

We have carefully checked the proof of our article and believe it is excellent. Please find attached the corrected proof of our article. In this letter, we reply to all queries and, in addition, we make very few minor corrections.

**A) Replies to Queries:**

1) **Query 1:** “Author: please confirm anisoechoic is as intended, should this be anechoic?”

   **Answer:** We do confirm that “anisoechoic” is the correct word.

2) **Query 2:** “Author: please provide separate legends for parts A and B of Figure 2.”

   **Answer:** In the corrected proof, separate legends for parts A and B of Figure 2 are provided.

**B) Minor Corrections:**

1) My contact e-mail in the 1st page should be changed from “markogiannakis@easy.com” to “markogiannakis@yahoo.com”.

2) In the “Case presentation” section, page 4, 1st paragraph, the 4th and 5th sentence: “These findings were confirmed by an abdominal computed tomography (CT) scan
that followed (Figure 1), which further demonstrated hemorrhaging originating from the spleen. A heterogeneous and a low-density signal within the splenic parenchyma showed varying degrees of contrast enhancement.” should be combined to one sentence and corrected to: “These findings were confirmed by an abdominal computed tomography (CT) scan that followed (Figure 1), which further demonstrated hemorrhaging originating from the spleen and a heterogeneous, low-density signal within the splenic parenchyma, which showed varying degrees of contrast enhancement.”.

3) In the “Case presentation” section, page 5, 1st paragraph, the 2nd sentence: “The patient remained symptom and disease free after a follow-up period of 16 months, in contrast to the median survival of 4.4 months of patients with primary angiosarcoma of the spleen and splenic rupture [2].” should be changed to: “The patient remains symptom and disease free after a follow-up period of 16 months, in contrast to the median survival of 4.4 months of patients with primary angiosarcoma of the spleen and splenic rupture [2].”.

4) In the “Discussion” section, page 6, 1st paragraph, the 2nd sentence: “The high incidence of early metastasis of this mainly hematogenous tumor is reflected by the fact that the reported rates are between 69% and 100% among various series, with the most common sites being the liver, lungs, bones or bone marrow, lymph nodes, gastrointestinal tract, brain, and adrenal glands.” should be corrected to: “The high incidence of early metastasis of this tumor, mainly hematogenous, is reflected by the fact that the reported rates are between 69% and 100% among various series, with the most common sites being the liver, lungs, bones or bone marrow, lymph nodes, gastrointestinal tract, brain, and adrenal glands.”.
We would like to thank you for your help regarding publication of this article. We would be very grateful to you if you could please provide us with the final corrected proof of our paper.

We are looking forward to the publication of our paper.

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