Author's response to reviews

Title: Henoch-Schonlein purpura with intracerebral haemorrhage in an adult patient: a case report

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your constructive comments regarding the above case report. We have made the following alterations in the manuscript:

1. Unspecified gastrointestinal side effects: the specific GI side effect of severe indigestion has been added to the manuscript.
2. Use of proton pump inhibitors: the patient was on omeprazole 20 mg od when he experienced the severe indigestion and this is added to the manuscript.
3. Serology to exclude other causes of cerebral vasculitis: the patient had negative ANCA and negative antinuclear antibodies at the time of the initial presentation. These results have been included in the manuscript.
4. Clotting and full blood count tests: these results at the time of presentation were not suggestive of any other cause of cerebral bleeding and have been included in the manuscript.
5. Changes in proteinuria during treatment: a PCR of 87 several months after his original presentation has been added in the manuscript.
6. Presence or absence of persistent haematuria: urine dipsticks during treatment were already included in the manuscript. We have now added a urine dipstick after successful treatment.
7. Other PMH: the patient had no previous PMH and this is added to the manuscript.
8. Fundoscopy at the time of CVA showed no papilloedema and this has been included at the manuscript.
9. ASO titres are not available.
10. The possibility that intracerebral haemorrhage in HSP may be caused by cerebral vasculitis has been included in the manuscript.
11. The typographic error of urinary protein to creatinine ratio has been corrected to ratio in two places.
12. The renal biopsy histology was compatible with Henoch-Schonlein nephritis rather than purpura and this was amended in the manuscript.
13. Two pictures from the renal biopsy were added.
14. Dr Linmarie Ludeman, who is the histopathologist who provided the pictures for the case report and the legents for the pictures was added as a third author.

Many Thanks

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