Author's response to reviews

Title: Spontaneous acute subdural hematoma as an initial presentation of choriocarcinoma: A case report

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Dear Dr. Kidd:

This letter accompanies the submission of our revised manuscript: “Spontaneous, Acute Subdural Hematoma as an Initial Presentation of Choriocarcinoma.” We appreciate constructive criticism and comments of the reviewers and have endeavored to address their concerns in this revision.

The first reviewer requested the entire CSF profile for the patient. This has been provided on page 4, line 15.

In addition she addressed concerns over 60:1 serum:CSF ration of beta-HCG. Indeed, the reference given for this ration was incorrect and has been corrected. This value is from a study conducted by Bagshawe, et al. in which a cohort of 73 patients with systemic choriocarcinoma but without brain metastasis underwent measurement of serum and CSF HCG. The ratio ranged from 64 to 268. Furthermore, another cohort of 33 patients with known CSF metastasis, the ratio was less than 60 in 29 patients[1].

Finally, the reviewer requested the chemotherapeutic regimen. In this case, the patient received seven agents. This has been included, briefly on page 4, line 22.

The second reviewer requested more information about the outcome of the patient. Unfortunately, though the outcome was initially good, the patient eventually died with recurrent disease. This has been included on page 5, line 2.
In addition, the reviewer pointed out an incorrect reference as to the incidence of CNS choriocarcinoma. This has been corrected.

Finally, an *Introduction* section has been added to conform to the preferred style of the journal.

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