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 reviewer and have endeavored to address the concerns in this revision.

Dr. New notes that serial analysis of the serum:CSF beta-HCG ratio may be useful in defining metastatic choriocarcinoma as etiology in a patient with a hemorrhage, given the possible contamination of CSF with beta-HCG from the blood. This is a worthwhile suggestion and may be useful in cases where the diagnosis is less clear. This patient had significantly elevated serum beta-HCG, systemic disease, and an otherwise unexplained hemorrhage, and thus serial CSF analysis was not deemed necessary. We have included this in the discussion on page 6 in the first paragraph.

Dr. New also points out a grammatical error on page 4, which has been corrected.

Thank you once again for your consideration of this manuscript.

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