Author's response to reviews

Title: Primary glioblastoma in the pineal region: a case report and review of the literature

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Dear JMCR Editorial Team,

I’d like to thank the editor and reviewers of the ‘Journal of Medical Case Report’ for taking their time to review our article (1348477496178382). I have made some clarifications about the manuscript after going over your comments.

Answer for the second reviewer’s comments
1. – primary glioblastoma usually overexpress EGFR and do not overexpress p53. –

   answer: Primary glioblastoma (de novo), in a view of pathology, should be confirmed by the immunohistochemical studies of EGFR and p53. Actually, our case showed negative immunoreactivity for p53. The patient underwent surgery in 1999, and immunohistochemical study for EGFR was not performed at that time. In our article, the term of ‘primary’ means original location of the glioblastoma, excluding the possibility of extended tumor from other primary site, as shown in other previous reports. That is, ‘primary glioblastoma in pineal region’ represents glioblastoma arising from the pineal region in our article. Considering the meaning of ‘primary’ in our article, I did not add any information on EGFR and p53 immunohistochemical results.

I hope this letter can clarify the ambiguous meaning of key word in our manuscript. I’d like to thank you again for the constructive comments by reviewers.

Sincerely yours,

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