Author's response to reviews

Title: Cytomegalovirus colitis in a patient with recurrent colon cancer after systemic chemotherapy: a case report

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Michael Kidd, Editors-in-Chief,
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Dear Professor Kidd:

Thank you for your e-mail of January 17, 2008, regarding our manuscript (MS-7273690691656345). We also want to thank the reviewers for providing helpful comments on the manuscript. In addition, we apologize to you for the late reply to your comments. The manuscript has been revised in response to all comments from the reviewers. These changes make the manuscript concise without compromise of general conclusions.

Referee 1 (Basil F El-Rayes):

Author’s response: Some changes were made in the texts to reflect new description added.

Referee 2 (Dan Carter):

Point 1:
Author’s response: We checked the previous reports about the relation irinotecan and neutropenia, and found an appropriate review. Although the previous report showed that irinotecan has potent to induce neutropenia, the elevation of the leukocyte was observed in our case. It was supposed that this was caused by the colitis itself and the micro-abscess. A discussion about this is added in the middle of page 5.

Point 2:
Author’s response: We have done the immunohistostains by using the biopsies obtained from the colon, however, CMV positive cells were not observed.

I have underlined the text parts that were changed in the revision. I hope that the revised manuscript now addresses all of the reviewers’ comments and that it can now be published in your prestigious journal. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fuminori Teraishi