Author's response to reviews

Title: Osseous hemangioma of the seventh cervical vertebra with osteoid formation mimicking metastasis: a case report

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Dear editor-in-chief, dear reviewer,

thank you very much for reviewing our report. The suggestions for improvement stated are very useful and have been integrated into the manuscript. The parts of the paper that have been corrected are green marked.

In detail, we integrated the corrections listed below following the reviewer's report:

- Concerning the abstract, the introduction was changed. Now it becomes clear that this report deals with the mimicry of a metastasis.
- The conclusion was corrected as well. In this version we mention the importance of following clinical guidelines.
- In the introduction of the case report a clear explanation of typical histological and radiological findings was integrated.

As far as the case presentation is concerned, we did the following modifications:

- a precise description of the radiological findings is given.
- the explanation of the laboratory investigations has become more precise.
- the histological findings section was integrated into the text.
- the performance of the corporectomy without previous biopsy has become reasonable.
- a table with immunohistochemical examinations and results was made.
- "muscle strength of five" was replaced by "normal muscle strength".

Discussion:

- the discussion was completely replaced taking into consideration the topics mentioned by the kind reviewer. Especially the characteristics of hemangioma and the non typical results in the radiological imaging and the histopathological examinations are discussed and compared to those that can be obtained in
malign tumours.
- finally, we changed the conclusion and point out the facts we can learn from this report.

We hope that our case report is now ready for acceptance. We would like to express again our gratitude to the kind reviewer and the editorial team for being concerned with our manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

Stefan Lakemeier