Author’s response to reviews

Title: VACTERL Spectrum with Portal Hypertension - a case report

Authors:

Dilli Dr Bhurtel (dilibhurtel@yahoo.com)
ignaitus Dr Losa (ignaitus.losa@echeshire-tr.nwest.nhs.uk)

Version: 3 Date: 30 March 2009

Author's response to reviews:

TO the editor,
JMCR
Dear sir or madam,

we have taken on board the comments from the reviewers and the revised manuscript.

we would like to explain few facts which were raised by the reviewers.

1. Regarding the antental details of the case: We have added the detail antental note in the revised manuscript.

2. Issue regarding the title of the cae report: We agree with reviewer’s comment however this case being a rare and interesting in its presentation we decided to stick with our title. We have presumed the readers will be interested to read it through once they see the VACTERL spectrum with portal hypertension.

3. The point raised regarding whether the portal hypertension is secondary to congenital thready portal vein or portal vein thrombosis: we have put forward the details of the both the likely aetiology however there was no evidence of thrombophilia in our case.

There are published reports suggesting the different natural courses of the portal vein like tortuous, thready etc.

We are left with the possibility of congenital thready portal vein with collaterals tortuos vessels. These cases are reported however not with cases with portal hypertension. so we wanted to report this rare association.

4. The question raised regarding the diagnosis of the case as VACTERL spectrum; We agree that our case does not have all the features which the accronym suggest however it has got the cardinal features to suggest that it falls on the spectrum of VACTERL association.