Author's response to reviews

Title: Rapid growth of a pleomorphic adenoma of the parotid gland within the third trimester of pregnancy.

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Reviewer`s report

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Version: 2 Date: 17 May 2010

Reviewer: Ademar Takahama Junior

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?:
None

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you should think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is the case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to the authors:
Despite being an interesting case, the manuscript is too short, with few information in the introduction and discussion. There is no information about diagnostic tests as fine needle aspiration. It is not an unexpected or unusual presentation of a parotid pleomorphic adenoma.

- We had to remove the tumor because of the beginning of limited mouth opening and the rapid growth, so we didn’t perform further diagnostic tests. Fine needle aspiration can surely be discussed, but we were concerned of the risk of spreading tumor cells and the limited informative value.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests

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Version: 2 Date: 13 May 2010
Reviewer: Rommani S Rammeh

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentation of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes
Is the case report authentic?: Yes
Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you should think must be added before publication?: Yes
Is the case worth reporting?: Yes
Is the case report persuasive?: Yes
Does the case report have explanatory value?: No
Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No
Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to the authors:
I find the manuscript well written, but not well documented because the rapid growth of the tumor, is not illustrated: the MRI figures are at 36th week of
pregnancy.
- The first time we reviewed the patient, we just documented the size of tumor using ultrasonography of the neck. On the next review the tumor had expanded nearly to double size, so we performed an MRI.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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Reviewer: Associate Editor
Comments to the authors:
I would also like to see comments on the type of anaesthesia, ventilation/intubation used during caesarian section (CS) and when did they perform parotidectomy after CS?
- We used epidural anaesthesia with Mepivacain and Sufentanil during caesarian section. The parotidectomy was performed four days after CS. We have now included these sentences on the case report.