Author's response to reviews

Title: Toxoplasmosis presenting as a swelling in the axillary tail of the breast and a palpable axillary lymph node mimicking malignancy. A case report.

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Sir,

MS: 5109294574767753 - Toxoplasmosis presenting as a swelling in the axillary tail of the breast and a palpable axillary lymph node mimicking malignancy. A case report.

Thank you for your email with the Associate Editor’s comments of the above manuscript. We would like to re-submit the revised manuscript with the following changes as suggested by the Associate Editor. Please note that changes are in red in the revised manuscript.

Few comments:

Title: it should be palpable, not palpble if I am not wrong.
Yes. It should be palpable. It is corrected now.

Page 2:

"A breast mass due to toxoplasmosis however, is very rare and only few cases reported before", please change to "A breast mass due to toxoplasmosis is very rare, with only few cases reported before"
It is now changed as suggested.
"She had Ultrasound (U) and mammographic (M) examinations of her breasts that were U4 and M4 (i.e. suspicious abnormality according BIRADS) and then targeted fine needle aspiration cytology (FNAC) and core biopsy of the lesions" I don't think this sentence is clear for general readers and probably too many details for an abstract.

Maybe it would be best rewritten "Ultrasound (U) and mammographic (M) examinations of her breast suggested a pathological process, but were not conclusive, and live the detailed discussion for the main body of the article.

Yes. It is rewritten as suggested.

Page 3:

Introduction, please note this is exactly the same as the introduction in the abstract, and a repetition. I understand we don't produce a print version of the journal, but I will let your technical editor decide if it is worth shortening somehow. If not, it will have to be changed as in the abstract.

OK. Thank you. Please do.

Page 4:

I don't think we should have the sentence "She was worried because her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 66 years and her father died of lung cancer" Please change to "She had a positive family history for breast and lung cancer". It is irrelevant whether she was worried or not.

Yes. It is changed as suggested.

"Examination of her right breast and axilla was normal as was her abdominal and other systems." Please change to Examination of her right breast and axilla, abdomen, and other systems was normal.

OK. It is changed as suggested.

I don't think it is right to say "Primary differential clinical diagnosis was a malignant lesion in the left breast with a metastatic lymph node in the axilla. " To have a differential diagnosis you need at least two conditions. I would suggest changing to " the working (or most likely) diagnosis was of a malignant lesion in the left breast with metastatic involvement of an axillary lymph node"

Page five:

Whilst we can all sympathise with the patient, the fact that "The patient was obviously very happy to hear the diagnosis." is completely irrelevant to a medical journal and to the manuscript. Please omit, unless we also want to write down she had a big smile on her face when she heard the news, and so forth.

Yes. That sentence is omitted now.

The very final sentence of the manuscript, I would suggest changing from "Immunocompetent non pregnant adults who have no vital organ
involvement can be managed conservatively without antiprotozoal drugs."

Adult patients who are immunocompetent, are not pregnant, nor have involvement of vital organ, may be managed (or should? QTA) conservatively without antiprotozoal drugs. "

Yes. It is changed as “Adult patients who are immunocompetent, are not pregnant, nor have involvement of vital organ, may be managed conservatively without antiprotozoal drugs."

Yours sincerely

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