Author's response to reviews

Title: Pediatric Ramsay Hunt syndrome: A case report of full recovery with a shorter course of acyclovir and steroid at lower doses

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Once again, we are extremely grateful for the very helpful comments and suggestions made by the reviewers regarding our manuscript.

**David Ko**

"The natural course of pediatric Ramsay Hunt is not well known but like other viral syndromes like Bell’s Palsy the outcomes are variable - some patients make full recovery with no treatment and some who are treated with acyclovir along with steroids have lingering deficits. In the conclusion the last sentence should also state the patient received steroids along with the acyclovir”

We agree, added

"The paper’s title may be revised to “Pediatric Ramsay Hunt Syndrome: A case report of full recovery with shorter course of acyclovir and steroid””

We agree, revised

**Richard Rison**

“There are minor grammatical errors that need correcting (e.g., p.4 the second to last paragraph’s second to last sentence in the Case presentation section should read "He had never been admitted to the hospital for any reason,…")”

We agree, amended

“The text of the Figure legends section describing the figures needs slight correcting. For example, in the description of figure 1 the semicolon should be deleted in the first sentence. Also in the description of figure 2, I am unsure what "NB" means.”

We agree, deleted
“In their rebuttal the authors have satisfactorily explained the reasoning that acyclovir may not be particularly useful in pediatric RHS and that the Cochrane data base review may not apply to the pediatric population. I recommend that the authors reiterate this in their discussion section and that the patient may have simply had a spontaneous recovery independent of acyclovir. Simply paraphrasing what they wrote in their rebuttal and placing in the discussion section should suffice.”

We agree, added

Sincerely yours,

GM, SC & MN