Author's response to reviews

Title: Rapidly Growing Left Atrial Myxoma: a case report

Authors:

Ali Vazir (a.vazir@imperial.ac.uk)
Harriet Douthwaite (hathwold@hotmail.com)

Version: 3 Date: 23 June 2011

Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editor

RE: MS:1945711553882876-Rapidly Growing Left Atrial Myxoma

Thank you for your e-mail dated 09/06/2011 regarding our case report titled above. We are grateful to the reviewers for their comments and constructive criticism. We understand that both reviewers are happy we the manuscript and minor comments were made by Dr Ashrafian. We have addressed his questions point by point below and are highlighted in red within the revised version of the manuscript. We believe that responding to these comments has further clarified and strengthened our manuscript.

Reviewer (Dr Ashrafian)

- Can the authors briefly elaborate on the patients past medical history and whether this would have any impact on her development of AR or atrial myxoma
  The patients had an unremarkable past medical history and as explained in our report the AR was an incidental finding. A statement outlining the unremarkable past medical history has been added to our revised manuscript.

- Can the authors briefly elaborate on their calculation of the myxoma growth by 2.2 mm/month in the text? Could they explain this in the context of the reported myxoma dimensions of 26.7 x 10 mm?
  A sentence elaborating how the growth rate was calculated is inserted within the discussion section of our case report. The sentence also refers that growth rate of 2.2 mm/month refers to the longest diameter of the myxoma.

We would be very grateful if you would consider this revised manuscript for publication in the Journal of medical case reports.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Ali Vazir MBBS MRCP PhD