Author's response to reviews

Title: - Paratesticular fibrous pseudotumor in young males presenting with histological features of IgG4-related disease: A case series

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MS: 1703720384846445 – Paratesticular fibrous pseudotumor in young males presenting with histological features of IgG4-related disease: A case series (Dieckmann et al.)

Dear Editor,

thank you very much for re-reviewing our manuscript. We appreciate the comments and we revised the manuscript accordingly.

Here we re-submit the fourth version of the paper for (hopefully the final) re-consideration.

All of the changes were marked with a yellow line to help the referee recognizing the revisions.

According to the suggestion of the Editor we introduced the reference by Deshpande et al that summarizes the pathohistologic features seen in IgG4 related conditions. In fact, this reference is clearly required as a foundation to the discussion in the manuscript. We included the reference in the discussion on page 6, third paragraph where the histological features of IgG4 related disease are detailed (ref #13 in the fourth version). As there is a total allotted number of 15 references only, we had to delete one old reference (ref #14 of previous version) to keep this balance.

According to the suggestion of the Editor, we changed the title to “Paratesticular fibrous pseudotumor in young males presenting with histological features of IgG4-related disease: A case series”. This headline points to our view that these pseudotumors do in fact belong into the group of IgG4 related disorders and actually, this issue is probably the most appealing feature with these lesions.

In the abstract, additional histological details are included to emphasize our view of pseudotumors being an IgG4 related disease.
In all, we hope that these changes have further improved our manuscript and that it is now in the condition to be accepted by the Editorial Board of the Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Again, thank you for re-reviewing and helping us to improve the paper!

With kind regards

Prof. Klaus-Peter Dieckmann

On behalf of the authors