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Title: Type III Pleuropulmonary Blastoma in a 7-month-old female baby with impending respiratory failure: a case report.

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Reviewer's report

Title: Type III Pleuropulmonary Blastoma in a 7-month-old baby girl with impending respiratory failure.

Version: Date: 28 January 2014
Reviewer: Carmelo Salpietro

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations 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 think must be added before publication?: No
Is this case worth reporting?: Yes
Is the case report persuasive?: Yes
Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes
Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes
Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes
Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:
The manuscript of Castro et al. is concise, well written and flows logically. The scope is appropriate and key issues are covered. They report an interesting case of pleuropulmonary blastoma, a very rare, aggressive, and also insidious, life treating disease. This case also underlines the importance of an early diagnosis to increase the chance for effective treatment, radical surgery in combination with chemotherapy. Therefore, we believe that the publication of their case could be useful specially to junior doctor.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Reviewer 1 has no suggested changes for the manuscript.

Reviewer's report

Title: Type III Pleuropulmonary Blastoma in a 7-month-old baby girl with impending respiratory failure.

Version: 1 Date: 2 February 2014

Reviewer: Gian Luigi Marseglia

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations 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 think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes
Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:
This is an interesting case report about an unusual clinical presentations of type III pleuropulmonary blastoma in a child under 12 months of age; this rare and aggressive malignant tumour usually affects older children in the first decade of life.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Reviewer 2 has no suggested changes for the manuscript.

Title: Type III Pleuropulmonary Blastoma in a 7-month-old baby girl with impending respiratory failure.

Version: 1 Date: 6 February 2014

Reviewer: Michele M Miraglia del Giudice

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations 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 think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes
Comments to authors: General Comments:
The subject is rare and of great interest and it may be an opportunity to encourage researchers to publish studies about unusual presentation of PPB. This case report is complete, well structured and is very comprehensive. The focus is on unusual age of presentation of the tumor that allows to hypothesize a tumor growth in the last phase of pregnancy or after delivery. Clinical history and diagnostic pathway have been correctly and clearly described. The conclusions are pertinent and relevant for medical research. Radiological and histological images are complete and useful to clearly frame the expansion and the type of the tumor.

Minor issues not for publication:
1-The manuscript would benefit from a grammatical review.
   We contact a mother tongue professor for a grammatical correction of this manuscript

2- Abstract, 2nd paragraph: "earlier that the type III" : use "than" instead of "that"
   Change made as indicated by the reviewer

3- Background, 5th paragraph: "...is reflective of a natural biologic progression..." : use "biological" instead of "biologic".
   We used biological instead of biologic

4- Background, 5th paragraph: use "pathological" instead of "pathologic"
   We used pathological instead of pathologic

5- Case presentation, 16th paragraph: " Brain MRI": Please, clarify the acronym MRI
   We clarified the acronym MRI

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being Published

A native-English professor corrected this manuscript.

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

Title: Type III Pleuropulmonary Blastoma in a 7-month-old baby girl with impending respiratory failure.

Version: 1 Date: 7 February 2014

Reviewer: Nexhmi Hyseni

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations 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 think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors: language correction

We contacted a native-English speaker to correct the language of the manuscript.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being Published

A native-English Professor corrected this manuscript.

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

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Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal.
We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer’s comments. We have put in red the revised sentences/words.

1. Please include the study design in your title, i.e. Case report. For example: A presenting with B in C: a case report.
   The title of the article has been changed as the reviewer indicated.

2. Please restructure the Abstract section on page 2. The abstract must not exceed 350 words. Please do not use abbreviations or references in the abstract. The abstract should be structured into three sections and should make clear how the case report adds to the medical literature:
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   We restructured the abstract into three section (introduction, case presentation and conclusion)

3. Please change the 'Background' section header to 'Introduction'.
   Change made as the reviewer suggested

4. Please change the description of the patient’s gender to ‘female’.
   We changed the description of the patient’s gender as the reviewer suggested

5. Please include the Ethnicity of the patient in the Abstract and Case presentation sections.
   We added the Ethnicity of the child both in the Abstract and Case presentation sections

6. Please remove the name of the hospital where the patient was confined, as this may jeopardize the anonymity of the patient.
   We removed the name of the hospital where the patient was admitted

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   We submitted the figures in as single composite file
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