Author's response to reviews

Title: Persistent chronic hypokalemia in a patient with anorexia nervosa - diagnostic and treatment dilemmas

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Dear Editor,

Re: Journal of Medical Case Reports MS: 1734125116125232

Many thanks for your email of 3rd June 2014 and for the insightful and helpful comments by the reviewers.

We (authors) have now revised the draft of the article entitled “Persistent chronic hypokalemia in a patient with anorexia nervosa - diagnostic and treatment dilemmas” in line with the reviewers’ comments and we hope that the revised draft presents with educational value to clinicians/researchers and meets standards for publication in the Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Please find below a point-by-point summary of the revising process upon each of the comments.

Reviewer 1:
1. The information was added into introduction about prevalence of AN.
2. In case presentation section, the report was expanded on refeeding syndrome in line with MARSIPAN and NICE guidelines.
3. 'driven to battle her hypokaleamia’ – the sentence was rephrased and explained in simple terms
4. There was no confirmed history of hypokalemia even though the patient reiterated hereditary nature of her hypokalemia problems (It was added to the main body of the text).
5. NICE recommendations were explained in “Physical health” section

Reviewer 2:
1. The weight was replaced by BMI
2. The height was added
3. The full diagnosis of AN was written according to DSM V and ICD10
4. With regards to the psychiatric comorbidity alcohol misuse was mentioned
5. Amylasemia- was not considered necessary by the Consultant biochemist because sufficient evidence was available to explain that her persistent hypokalaemia was due to purging by that time.

Many thanks for considering our paper for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,
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