Author's response to reviews


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To the Editors,

Journal of Medical Case Reports

Subject:
Submission of Cover Letter for “Case Report & Literature Review” titled,
"Cytomegalovirus-associated splenic infarcts in an adult immune-competent male patient. A case report and review of the literature”
Protopapa MN, Velissaris D, Mougiou A, Siagris D

Dear Sir/Madam

We are submitting a Case Report titled:

Protopapa MN, Velissaris D, Mougiou A, Siagris D

for consideration for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

I, Dr. Maria Nikoletta Protopapa certify that:
• The manuscript is being submitted by me (Corresponding author) on behalf of all the authors.
• Written, informed consent was taken from the patient for reporting this case.
• The manuscript is original work of all authors.
• All authors made a significant contribution to this study.
• This manuscript has not been submitted for publication; it has not been accepted for publication and has not been published in any other journal.
• All authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript.
• This manuscript is not the first report of this kind in the literature but all authors believe it significantly advances our understanding of this particular disease etiopathology.
• It is an original case report of interest to either Internal Medicine or other areas of medical interest with broader clinical impact.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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1. The Editor’s comments’ link (PDF format) has not been downloaded for reading due to opening problems. Referees’ comment files have been downloaded.
2. The comments have been addressed in a revised manuscript provided. All changes have been highlighted in yellow during manuscript’s revision.
3. The ethnicity of the patient has been stated in the Case Presentation section.
4. A list of the abbreviations used in the manuscript and their meanings has been included after the Conclusions section.
5. Figures had already been uploaded separately via the online submission system and the same action will take place when resending the revised manuscript.
6. We were asked initially to upload eventual tables separately and in this revision tables in the main manuscript are included after the References List as asked.
7. Assistance of a fluent English speaking colleague has been sought in order to improve the quality of written English before the manuscript can be considered further.
8. As per Reviewer No1 no particular changes were needed.
9. As per Reviewer No2 changes have been made accordingly referring to:
   10a) the expression “obvious trigger”
   10b) the addition of a possible explanation of Protein S reduction
   10c) the citation numbers that have been re-written as per Referee’s advice to be in ascending order and revise the correspondence of citation numbers and reference.
   10d) the term “Antithrombin III” has been substituted by the term “Antithrombin”
   10e) the term “hetero-phil- antibody mononucleosis” has been substituted by the term “with detected mononucleosis-like antibodies”
11. The manuscript’s file are correctly formatted conforming to the journal style.
12. Authors’ e-mail addresses appear also in the title page (1).
13. Abstract (Introduction): Correction of statement “CMV-associated thrombosis has rarely been reported” highlighted in yellow.
14. Introduction: Correction of statement “CMV-associated thrombosis has rarely been reported” highlighted in yellow.
15. Case presentation: Factor V (Leiden) and PT20210 results mentioned in the text as in Table 1 highlighted in yellow.
16. Case presentation, last sentence: Added when the ultrasound check was performed following discharge highlighted in yellow.
17. Discussion: Correction of statement and relevant reference concerning “only very few reports” highlighted in yellow.
18. References #9-10: Cancelled doi.
19. References #11-15: Revision concerning authors, pages, journals highlighted in yellow.
20. Figure 1 and Table 1 not included any more in main manuscript file.

Comment: Responses 13-20 refer to last Editor’s revision (2) of manuscript.

21. Abstract, Introduction Page 2: “Still association” has been corrected to ”Still, the association”
22. Abstract, Case Presentation Page 2: “treatment has not been” has been corrected to “treatment was not”
23. Introduction, Page 3: “Still association” has been corrected to “Still, the association”
24. Introduction, Page 3: References are now numbered according to their first appearance in the text.
27. Discussion Page 5: Another mechanism of CMV-associated thrombosis, that of cryoglobulinemia, is also added as well as its reference.
28. Discussion Page 6: The underline on “reports on concomitant…” has been removed.
29. Discussion, last paragraph Page 7: Relevant references have been added.
30. Conclusion, last paragraph, Page 7: “Cytomegalovirus” has been removed since CMV is already there.
31. References are designed according to the journal’s guidelines.

Comment: Responses 21-31 refer to last Editor’s revision (3) of manuscript.