Author’s response to reviews

Title: Case report: difficulty in diagnosis of delayed spinal epidural hematoma in puerperal women after combined spinal epidural anaesthesia

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Thank you for the positive comments concerning our manuscript and thank you for considering it eligible for publication in your prestigious journal once the requested changes have been made.

We have performed all the minor revisions as suggested by the Editor and we have uploaded the final version of the manuscript (with all changes highlighted).

Answers to Editor:

Case presentation:

Line 73 - please make "Weight" lowercase "weight".

Done

Line 75 - remove "an" - sentence can read "the patient suffer from unstable insulin-dependent type I diabetes".

Done

Line 81 - please change "normale" to "normal".
Done

Line 102 - please change D12 to T12 (thoracic).
Done

Line 109 - please change to "one of the more severe complications".
Done

Line 116: Please adjust working - I am unclear by what you mean when you state "consequent time prolongation." If you are talking about longer surgery time - I would recommend changing the sentence to "along with the concerns of potential surgical complications and longer operating time." If you are taking about using the epidural postop - you can omit "with consequent time prolongation" because you talk about it in the next sentence.

With “consequent time prolongation” we are talking about longer surgery time, so we have changed the sentence, as recommended by the Editor, in “along with the concerns of potential surgical complication and longer operating time”.

Line 121: Please adjust the wording - you just from "breastfeeding" to talking about anticoagulation dosing, and it is confusion. Adding a sentence "Anticoagulation is also a risk factor for SEH, however the doses of drugs with effects on coagulation..."

We have changed the sentence in “Anticoagulation is also a risk factor for SEH, however the doses of drugs with effects on coagulation that we used, were very low (Deltaparina 2500 UI once daily and ketorolac 30 mg/die for 2 days) in consideration of the patient’s weight (70 Kg) (7).

Line 141: please change "control" to "visit" or "evaluation"

We have changed the word “control” to “evaluation”

Line 144 - please change "learnt" to "learned"

Done

Table 1:
- Recommend changing to "Considering only the most frequent diagnosis, without excluding serious but infrequent diagnoses

- Recommend changing in second part - we do not "perform" a diagnosis (you perform a procedure or a surgery). Recommend "Administering treatment before making the diagnosis"

In table 1, we have done all changes recommended by editor

Moreover we have corrected in the title the word “anesthesia” with “anaesthesia” and in the same way at line 78 and line 83 and in the second author's affiliation (from “Department of Anesthesia” to “Department of Anaesthesia”)