Author’s response to reviews

Title: Multifocal skeletal tuberculosis in an immunocompetent patient: a case report

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Dear Editor,

Thanks for the considerations made in the manuscript entitled “Multifocal skeletal tuberculosis in an immunocompetent patient: a case report”. We would like to clarify through this letter the questions made in the manuscript.

**Reviewer: Domingo Prof. Palmero**

Abstract: suggestions accepted.

Background: suggestions accepted, recast text.

Case Presentation: First Topic: Was Changed the AARB for AFB.

Second Topic: Throughout the process care of several samples were obtained, suggesting infection sites, to perform the isolation and identification of a microorganism in a suitable culture medium. The first sample is synovial tissue and the second tissue secretion was obtained by biopsy and surgical drainage of the femur and tibia, the third sample was pus draining of the left knee and finally the right knee.

Third Topic: Regarding the antibiogram, in the first sample isolated AFB had to be sensitive to the antibiotics used routinely in the clinic. The second sample was not possible to isolate the microorganism, probably because the individual was being treated with antibiotics. The third sample was performed isolation, but the lab did not perform antibiotic susceptibility understanding that the patient was already in treatment, which was a wrong course. In the last sample was not isolated the organism therefore was not performed sensitivity. However, as the patient had symptoms suggestive enough and was already treated for a long time PCR was performed in real time were positive for M. tuberculosis. Prolonged treatment has been reported in the literature and has been adopted as the
patient was still demonstrating the new episodes of infection shortly

care process.

References: suggestions accepted.

**Reviewer: Isdore Chola Shamputa**

There were no considerations to be adjusted.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Brandão