Author's response to reviews

Title: Three cases with unusual presentation of primary hyperparathyroidism

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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter dated 26 February 2015, and the reviewer’s comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Three cases with unusual presentation of primary hyperparathyroidism” (MS number: 1295413286145258). Those comments are really thoughtful and helpful. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval.

Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer’s comments are as flowing:

1. The definition of secondary and tertiary HPT have been added.
2. Line 59, “spicules of osteoid deposit” was deleted.
3. Comment:
   Line 202, The giant cells (osteoclasts) of brown tumor are similar to the giant cells in the other giant cell lesions, except the true giant cell tumor, where they are larger (often containing >50 nuclei). True GCT does NOT contain any fibrous stroma (except after fracture or treatment), and the stromal cells are NOT atypical.
   Line 206, ‘infiltrative’, we mean the authors probably mean ‘destructive’ in the radiological sense.

   Response:

   Giant cell tumor (GCT) is a locally aggressive intraosseous neoplasm of obscure biological behaviour. The key histomorphologic feature is giant cells with up to a hundred nuclei that have prominent nucleoli. The tumoral tissue consists of three cell types – the neoplastic giant cell tumour stromal cells (GCTSC), representing the proliferative fraction, secondarily recruited mononuclear histiocytic cells (MNHC) and multinuclear giant cells (MNGC) [1].


According to the Reviewer’s suggestion, we have re-written this
paragraph (line 205 to 210) which would be more appropriate.

4. Line 58, “fibrillar” was replaced as “fibrous”.

5. Line 61 was replaced as “ending as osteitis fibrosa cystica (OFC)”.

6. Line 63, “sometimes” was replaced as “they”.

7. Line 86, “polynesian” was replaced as “multiple”.

8. Line 206, “GCTs” was replaced as “giant cell lesions”.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Thanks and Best regards!

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Liu