Author’s response to reviews

Title: Successful treatment in a child with enthesitis-related arthritis involving the sternoclavicular joint: a case report

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Dear editor,

Thank you for your suggestions and comments on our manuscript entitled “Successful treatment with etanercept in a child with enthesitis-related arthritis involving the sternoclavicular joint: a case report”. We have carefully followed editor’s suggestions to revise the article and would address the changes that we have made item by item as below. These comments have led to significant improvement of our article. We hope that the revisions may cope with your approval and the revised manuscript will be considered for acceptance in the journal “BMC Pediatrics”.

Sincerely yours,
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In response to the Editor’s specific comments:
1. You may, of course, specify the treatment used in the case of your patient; however, rather than recommending the treatment, we advise that you instead declare that future studies are recommended for determining the effectiveness of the treatment.

★ We have followed editor’s suggestion to revise the manuscript.

★ Further studies are warranted to elucidate the efficacy of etanercept in JIA with sternoclavicular joint involvement. (Abstract section, line 7-8, page 4)
Future prospective studies are warranted to testify whether adding etanercept to DMARDs can rescue SCJ involvement in JIA. (Discussion section, line 17-19, page 13)

2. The statement “Written informed consent was provided by the patient to have the case details and images published,” found in the Ethics approval and consent to participate subsection, is in the wrong subsection. This should be located in the Consent for publication subsection. Additionally, it should be clarified that consent was obtained in written form and by the underaged patient’s parent. Please revise your Consent for publication statement so that it reads something to the effect of, “Written informed consent was obtained by the parents of the patient for the publication of this case report and any included images.”

As suggested, we deleted “Written informed consent was provided by the patient to have the case details and images published” from ethics approval and consent to participate section and corrected the sentence to “Written informed consent was obtained by the parents of the patient for the publication of this case report and any included images.” (Consent for publication section, line 19, page 14-15)

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