Author’s response to reviews

Title: Craniofacial fibrous dysplasia associated with McCune-Albright syndrome: Challenges in diagnosis and treatment: Case reports

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Sir/Madam

RE: REVIEW OF MANUSCRIPT (OHEA-D-18-00480)
The above heading concerns.
We are very grateful to the entire Editorial Team of the journal and to the reviewers for the hard work you have done to ensure our manuscript entitled “Craniofacial fibrous dysplasia associated with McCune-Albright syndrome: Challenges in diagnosis and treatment: Case reports.” is of high quality.

We have read and taken into consideration the constructive comments of the reviewers and have made all necessary amendments in our work. The summary of the changes instituted in the manuscript and/or the response to reviewer’s comments have been included below, and likewise they have been highlighted in red within the main manuscript.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karpal Singh Sohal

Reviewer 1 comments:

The case report is very interesting and it is supported by very educational images that demonstrate a very advanced surgical technique.

Minor revision

1) References are not inserted properly in the Introduction and the Discussion

2) In the discussion (pag. 10, lines 7-10) the following references should be inserted:


Response of Authors:

Thank you very much for the positive and encouraging comments. The references in the introduction and discussion have been improved and the suggested references have been included in the text as well.

Changes done on page and line number:

Page 4; line 5
Page 10, line 17
Page 11, line 5

Reviewer 2 comments:

Abstract : Since the objective (as highlighted from the title) is to highlight Challenges in the diagnosis and treatment of this particular disease, the conclusion must coincide with the objective. Why did the authors highlight the word "developing country setting " in the abstract as well as in conclusion? Further make the abstract more informative and it should be able to stand alone.

Response of Authors:

• We do agree with the reviewer’s comment that conclusion must coincide with the objective, therefore the word "developing country setting " has been removed from the abstract as well as from the conclusion.

• The abstract has been improved so that it may stand alone

Changes done on page and line number:

Page 3: lines 5-6
Page 3: lines 9-12
Page 3: lines 14-15
Reviewer 2 comments:

Since the authors quote that ""through novel polymerase chain reaction-based techniques, activating mutation in the peripheral blood of patients with MAS has been successfully detected"". Whether this technique was used or followed in the case? Further it will be better to discuss more about such things in the discussion part as the manuscript is based on the early diagnosis and management of this disease.

Response of Authors:

• The polymerase chain reaction-based techniques was not used in our cases because both patients presented to us with massive tumors on the craniofacial bones. The PCR technique is useful in early detection example by screening children born with café-au-lait skin pigmentation before they show signs of having the disfiguring tumours.

Changes done on page and line number:

NONE

Reviewer 2 comments:

Further there is no significance given to radiographic investigations in the early diagnosis of the disease and treatment planning. Please add this fact into the introduction and discussion.

Response of Authors:

• We thank the reviewer for the observation. The facts about the significance of radiological investigations have been added in the introduction and discussion with appropriate citation.

Changes done on page and line number:

Page 5: lines 12-13
Page 11: lines 13-15

Reviewer 2 comments:

In case 1, highlight the findings of CT scan as well as other endocrinal blood tests performed. Please provide well labelled and described photographs of the CT sections too. Further elaborate whether the patient's eyesight of the affected site as well as hearing was fine along with CT evidence. Please provide details of the radiographic examination of the rest of the body too.
Case 2: Similarly provide CT findings in terms of involvement of suturs and optic nerve canal or any middle cranial fossa. Further elaborate on the Rest conventional radiographic findings of the body, values of the Blood tests performed etc.

Response of Authors:

- Details requested by the reviewer for case 1 and case 2 have been added in the text and appropriate labelling of images has been done

Changes done on page and line number:

Page 6: lines 15-17
Page 7: lines 7-10
Page 7: lines 21-22
Page 8: lines 17-22

Reviewer 2 comments:

Further in discussion section please describe the classification system of this disease, as well as the early diagnosis and management with pertinent references."

Response of Authors:

The classification system of the disease was not described in the discussion part, as we think it is a topic which is beyond the scope of this particular report, however, we sincerely respect the reviewers comment on this matter

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NONE