Author’s response to reviews

Title: Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia of the hand: treat with a reverse digital island flap and artificial skin: a case report

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Dr. Itzhak Brook
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Re: JMCR-D-18-00561

Dear Dr. Itzhak Brook

We thank the referee for fruitful suggestions, especially for suggesting the better terms and sentences.

We have revised the manuscript "Angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia of the hand: treat with a reverse digital island flap and artificial skin: a case report" (JMCR-D-18-00561) on the basis of the Referee’s comments.

We look forward to a publication of our manuscript in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Our responses to the referee’s comments are as follows:

we have attached the revised manuscript. Changes are in red.
1. Add a paragraph at the end of the Introduction that explains why this case report is presented (what is unique and adds to the medical knowledge)

Response: We sincerely thank you for your valuable comment. ALHE is a rare disease, and there are few reports that occurred in hands. Furthermore, it is difficult to completely cure, and there are few such reports. Thus, we believe that this case is suitable for reporting in this journal. We added such contents at the end of the Introduction.

2. The case report should include past medical, social, environmental, family and employment history.

Response: We added her past medical history, family history, and employment history (wrote in the red). Unfortunately, we could not get the details about her social and environmental history. However, we consider that these historic data are not relevant to treatment in this case. We added such contents on page 5.

3. What medications was the patient receiving prior to diagnosis? Did the patient smoke, and/or consume alcohol?

Response: She took some medication (e.g. hypoglycemic agents and antihypertensive, antihistamine drugs) until visiting our hospital. She did not drink alcohol. She has been smoking for many years. We added such contents on page 5.

4. Give detailed physical and neurological examination on admission. What was the pulse, blood pressure and temperature, on admission?

Response: We added her pulse, blood pressure and temperature when she first visited our clinic in the manuscript. There was no neurological abnormality (e.g. paresthesia, Deep tendon reflexes). We added such contents on page 4.

5. Give the doses of all medications that were given and their doses.

Response: She took painkillers after surgery. We added such contents on page 6.

6. Give all results of laboratory findings (i.e. CBC, liver and renal functions), urinalysis, serology, microbiology etc)

Response: We present the laboratory findings as Table 1. Accordingly, ex-Table1 renamed Table2.
7. Discussion – add a paragraph at the beginning of the Discussion that summarizes the case and describes what is unique in this case compared to what is available in the literature.

Response: We added a sentence that this case is important and unique at the beginning of the Discussion. Specifically, “occurred in hand” and “completely cure with functionally”. Further new literature was added (reference[3]).

The original comments of the Referee are as follows.

Additional revisions are needed.

Add a paragraph at the end of the Introduction that explains why this case report is presented (what is unique and adds to the medical knowledge)

More information is needed:

The case report should include past medical, social, environmental, family and employment history.

What medications was the patient receiving prior to diagnosis? Did the patient smoke, and/or consume alcohol?

Give detailed physical and neurological examination on admission. What was the pulse, blood pressure and temperature, on admission?

Give the doses of all medications that were given and their doses.

Give all results of laboratory findings (i.e. CBC, liver and renal functions), urinalysis, serology, microbiology etc)

Discussion – add a paragraph at the beginning of the Discussion that summarizes the case and describes what is unique in this case compared to what is available in the literature.

We hope that you will consider our new version satisfactory. We believe that we have been successful in providing the corrections and statements to increase the quality, novelty, and general interest of our manuscript. We look forward to your response.

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