

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12627-Review.doc).

Title: Intravascular proliferating ALK-positive anaplastic large-cell lymphoma

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The manuscript has been improved according to the Reviewer's suggestions.

1. The format has been updated.

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestion of the Reviewer:

- (1) The authors are correct that this is the first reported case of ALK-positive anaplastic large cell lymphoma presented as IVL.

Response: We revised the Abstract and the content of our manuscript in accord with your comment. We have now noted that the present case is the first reported case of ALK-positive T-IVL in lung (Abstract: page 2, lines 50 to 51; and page 4, line 86)

- (2) In the case presentation, the authors have to state the time from initial symptom to death and put this patient into the perspective of IVL from lung or bone marrow/spleen as published by Fonkem et al (Cancer Med 2014;3:101-1024).

Response: We have corrected the decimal points throughout. Our patient died of respiratory failure 5 days after the first occurrence of his dyspnea. We have now also cited the study you suggested. (Abstract; and page 6, lines 130 to 131)

- (3) This raises an important issue whether or not the ALK seen in this patient's IVL is a driver of aggressive behavior or a passenger phenotype. The author may want to comment of this. How, does this ALK-positive IVL compared to ALK-positive T-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that presented in the lung or spleen.

Response: We appreciate your strong recommendation to discern the oncogenesis of ALK in IVL. Although our speculation is not supported by confirmative evidence, ALK might be associated with the clinical grade of IVL. We added our

hypothesis and suggestion (page 9, lines 194 to 199, in the Discussion). We hope that our revision meets your requirements.

(4) There is a typographical error in line 132 on page 7.

Response: We corrected the typo.

3. References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hematology*.

Sincerely yours,

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