

2nd January, 2019

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the review, feedback, and consideration of our manuscript entitled “Crohn’s-like acute severe colitis associated with Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome: a case report” to be considered for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

We have addressed all comments of reviewers and listed them below item-wise. All edits are manually highlighted in yellow and cited below. All authors concur with the revision.

Please find below the edits that have been done to the manuscript:

- Added manuscript number in the title page.
- Change in the format of the paragraph “Author contributions”.
- Change in the “Informed consent statement”.
- We added the names of the authors and the manuscript title at the end of the core tip.
- We changed the format of references, and we checked and confirmed that there are no repeated references.
- We distinguished the three levels of subtitles.
- We submitted the figures as image files on the system, and removed the abbreviations from the figure legends.

The manuscript was reviewed by Filipodia Publishing for language polishing.

Sincerely yours,

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Point-by-point response to reviewers

Reviewer 1 (01467363):

Title and running title: accurately reflects the topic and contents of the paper.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Abstract: is appropriate, structured, 240 words. Key words: 7 key words, precisely define the content of the paper.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Core tip: is appropriate, 139 words.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment, however our core tip consists of 100 words only.

Introduction: is informative, short, 139 words, the reader is acquainted with the known facts about basic characteristics of this syndrome and the associations with diseases of other organs are explained. HPS types 1 and 4 can be associated with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)-like disorder of the gastrointestinal tract.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Case report: informative, 481 words, key data about the female patient are presented: chief complaints, history of present/past illness, clinical examination at admission, laboratory data, results of imaging procedures (Fig 1, 2), treatment and follow-up and unfortunately, a fatal outcome 3 months later due to advanced pulmonary fibrosis.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Discussion: 739 words, the characteristics and the incidence of this syndrome are presented (high in Puerto Rico: 1/1,800 persons, approximately 1/22 persons are carriers of the gene; Western world: 1/500,000 and 1/1,000,000). The authors emphasize the fact that since 1980 there have already been several descriptions of granulomatous colitis associated with this syndrome. In the international literature are 9 cases of HPS where patients received anti-TNF α therapy. The authors also point to an important problem in dealing with these patients: the delay in diagnosing this rare condition. The discussion is appropriate, relevant.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Conclusion: short, 51 words, the authors conclude on the effectiveness of corticosteroids, azathioprine and infliximab in the described female patient with severe colitis and HPS.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

References: 15, from the period 1959 (Blood) - 2018 (Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol), references are appropriate.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Conflict of interest: the authors declared no conflict of interest.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Informed consent statement: the patient died before writing the report which is in accordance of the Declaration of Helsinki and its latter amendments.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Opinion of the reviewer The manuscript is very interesting, I suggest to accept the contribution with minor language corrections.

- We thank reviewer 1 for her/his comment.

Reviewer 2 (01557050):

Dr. Girot, et al. reported 'Crohn's-like acute severe colitis associated with Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome: a case report'. The manuscript is informative and well-presented. The reviewer has no comments.

- We thank reviewer 2 for her/his comment.