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Dear Drs. Ke-Qin Hu, Koo Jeong Kang, & Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos

We are very pleased to resubmit our manuscript "A Case Report of Inflammatory Pseudotumors in the Liver associated with Influenza" (Manuscript NO: 87379) with further suggested revisions. We have considered the reviewers' feedback very carefully and have addressed each point in detail below.

## Reviewer #1 (ID 05308701)

1. This manuscript is acceptable. Thanks

• Thank you for your time and effort in reviewing our manuscript.

## Reviewer #2 (ID 05723533)

1. It is an interesting case. Inflammatory pseudotumors in the liver associated with influenza is rare. Please add the PET image, and MRI images if available. CRP was normal after 3 months, how about the erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)?

• Thank you for your comment. We have added PET imaging to our manuscript showing region of multiple heterogenous hepatic masses with similar uptake compared to the rest of the liver. Unfortunately, ESR was not obtained at that time.

## Reviewer #3 (ID 02664650)

1. The article is interesting but the recent role of contrast-enhanced ultrasound for diagnosis of this rare entity should be discussed (see Moller at al. Comments and illustrations of the WFUMB CEUS liver guidelines: Rare focal liver lesion – non-infectious, non-neoplastic Med Ultrason. 2023)

• Thank you for your suggestion. We have discussed variability of IPT on imaging (CT, MRI, CEUS) and have discussed the role of CEUS on offering suggestive findings that may help guide the differential diagnosis and ensuing diagnostic and therapeutic steps.

We hope these changes are acceptable and we look forward to your feedback. We thank you and the reviewers for their considerations.

Sincerely,

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