

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Systemic lupus erythematosus with multicentric reticulohistiocytosis: A case report" (ID:80812). Those comments are very valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The main corrections on the paper and the responds to the review's comments are as flowing:

Responds to the reviewer's comments:**Reviewer #1:**

- 1、 Response to comment: INTRODUCTION – Introduction should provide some background information on systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and mention systemic complication (namely macrophage activation syndrome).

Response: Line 63-72, page 3, "the background of SLE and macrophage activation syndrome" was added.

- 2、 Response to comment: CASE PRESENTATION - The clinical history (chief complaint, histories) should be merged. - History of present illness should be better organized. Indeed, the diagnostic investigations should be included in a different section and after the description of clinical and anamnestic aspects is completed.

Response: Line 78-110, page 3-5, In order to organize the history of the present illness the clinical history (chief complaint, histories) was merged. With the appearance of the patient's clinical symptoms and the index of the relevant auxiliary examination, the patient gradually excluded the diagnosis and was finally diagnosed as MRH.

- 3、 Response to comment: A table with the main laboratory tests (CBC, biochemistry, other) should be added and it may be useful to also follow the longitudinal changes.

Response: Line 336-339, page 13, “a table of WBC, RBC, PLT, HGB, ESR and hs-CRP levels” was added, which showed a longitudinal changes of this levels.

- 4、 Response to comment: DISCUSSION - The authors could increase the scientific value of their manuscript with a case-based review. - In the introduction, the authors state: “The first case of MRH with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) was reported in 2001. Herein we report a second case of SLE with MRH which is surprising that the patient responded to cyclophosphamide (CTX).” However, I found more cases of MRH in SLE through a quick literature search.

Response: we are sorry that we were not rigorous enough to presenting “the second case of MRH with SLE”, we have changed this statement, and we have added some content base on some reviews to the discussion section to further explore the treatment of this disease showed in line217-223, 227-230, page 9.

- 5、 Response to comment: CONCLUSION - It sounds too strong, considering this is only a case report. A case-based review could also provide more support to the conclusions.

Response: Line 227-230, page 9, considering this is only a case report and not enough to demonstrate the role of CTX, we further confirmed the value base on some reviews.

Reviewer #2:

- 1、 Response to comment: Please review basic English grammar and spelling such words as "women" and "woman". Good medical content, but some grammar points make it hard to read sometimes.

Response: I am sorry for the language problem caused by your reading difficulties, for this problem, we ask the professionals foe help and make further modifications.

Reviewer #3:

- 1、 Response to comment: Why this patient had the association of the two different diseases?

Response: Line 190-193, page 8, considering that the symptomatic presentation of MRH in

patient presented exacerbated with SLE activity, we considered an association between them, and Table 1 also presented longitudinal item results for some adjuvant examinations in patient.

- 2、 Response to comment: possible efficacy of TNF- α , IL-6, and IL-1 β blockades should be discussed.

Response: Line 217-223, page 9, “the efficacy of TNF- α , IL-6, and IL-1 β ” was added.

Once again, thank you very much for your constructive comments and suggestions which would help us both in English and in depth to improve the quality of paper.

Kind regards,

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