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Dr. Michael Yang,
Managing Editor
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RE: MS ID#:1517
MS TITLE: Epstein-Barr virus negative lymphoepithelial carcinoma of parotid gland – a case report with review of literature.

Dear Dr. Yang,

Thank you for the comments from the reviewers. Revisions are made accordingly as follow:

**Reviewer 1:**

1. Due to the rarity of lymphoepithelial carcinoma of salivary gland, the prognostic implications of the presence or absence of EBV is uncertain. This comment is added to the new paragraph under “discussion”.

2. The role of chemotherapy was discussed in the new paragraph under “discussion”.
   The kind of chemotherapy the patient received and the response to therapy was detailed under “case presentation” and discussed under “discussion”.

3. The typographical and grammatical mistakes were corrected:
   a. Abstract, third line, “by far” is replaced by “so far”
   b. Abstract 10th line: “the non endemic” is replaced by “a non endemic”
   c. Discussion: the discussion about IRB is removed from “discussion” and placed on the title page under “confirmation statement”
   d. Table: EVB is replaced by EBV
Reviewer 2:

1. The treatment modalities and prognosis are discussed in the new paragraph under “discussion”.

2. Due to rarity of LEC, extensive study of pathogenesis is lacking. The conclusion of “LEC is likely resulted from a combination of genetic, environmental and geographic factors” is probably not appropriate at the present time. However, the occurrence of EBV negative LEC in non-predilected ethnic group and non-endemic area is suggestive of factors other than EBV, like environmental and genetic predisposition, may have a contributing role in the pathogenesis. This view was shared by authors of other article. The “discussion” and “abstract” are modified accordingly.

Reviewer 3:

1. “90% of parotid tumors are benign” is added to “introduction”
2. “parotid tumor” is added to the key words
3. The abbreviation “EBV” on page 6, line 7, and in the legend of table 1, are corrected.
4. The typo of reference 4 is corrected.

Thank you for your consideration of my work. Please let me know if any further revision is necessary and feel free to correspond with me by e-mail at mary.y.yang@uth.tmc.edu.

Sincerely,

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