

Author's response to reviews

Title: Early-onset breast cancer in a Lebanese family with Lynch Syndrome due to MSH2 gene mutation

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Dear Doctor,

We would like to submit the revised manuscript for reconsideration by your journal.

According to the remarks of the reviewers:

1. We have rewritten the article as a “letter to the editor” focusing in the breast cancer case.
2. We have checked more in depth the paternal side of the family history of our patient (case III-34) and the biological data on MSH6 immunostaining which was actually negative
3. We have changed the title of the article in order to avoid any premature conclusion
4. Genetic testing for BRCA1, BRCA2 or p53 would be difficult for us to do. Nevertheless, we have discussed the pathogenicity of MSH2 inactivation regardless of the possible role of these genes
5. The term HNPCC has been replaced by Lynch Syndrome
6. The comments from Dr Suzan Shanley and from the editor have also been taken into account in the new manuscript.

Thank you

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