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Peer Review Report for "A Case Report of ROHHAD Syndrome in an 8-years-old Iranian Boy"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 10 Feb 2021

Dear AE,
The authors presented a case of ROHHAD syndrome in an 8-year-old Iranian boy.
- This is an interesting case report. The abstract is structured and principles and elements of medical history are clearly described.
- Related para clinic data are provided.
- The discussion is relevant.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 11 Feb 2021

Dear EIC,
The manuscript is well structured for a "typical case report article". The respected reviewer has the same idea. So, the manuscript may be accepted with no change.
Yours,

Fereidoun Azizi & Dr. Azita Zadeh-Vakili: EIC | **Revision** (0) — 17 Feb 2021

Dear Author,
The manuscript needs minor amendments:

Table 2:

- The caption should be changed to "Laboratory findings at the time of diagnosis and follow-up".
- The column of "unit" should be deleted; only units be mentioned in the second column by each parameter. Please delete laboratory methods.
- Please explain about the time of follow-up in the table footnote.

Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

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To: Editor-in-Chief of International Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism

Dear Editor,

Here we reply to the comments by reviewers and associate editor and editor-in-chief. All the changes are highlighted in the uploaded manuscript, as you asked us. We appreciate your time, sincerely

Reviewer 1:
No revision is asked.

Associate Editor 1:
No revision is asked.

EIC Decision:

1. The caption of Table-2 changed to “Laboratory findings at the time of diagnosis and follow-up".
2. The column of "unit" in Table-2 is deleted and only units are mentioned in the second column by each parameter. Laboratory methods are also deteleted.
3. The time of follow-up lab data is explained in the table-2 footnote.

Yours Sincerely,

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 3 Apr 2021

Dear EIC,
The corrections were made. The manuscript is accepted and ready for publication.
Yours,

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 18 Apr 2021

Dear Author,
Following consultation with editorial board, the manuscript did not get a high enough priority for publication in the IJEM.
Thanks.