LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cysticercosis of the masseter: Author response

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To the Editor,

The authors thank Dr Viroj Wiwanitkit¹ for the interest in our article and critical review. The authors fully agree that typical sonographic appearance of a well-defined cyst with echogenic focus within a muscle, in an endemic region, calls for straightforward diagnosis of cysticercosis of the muscle. The authors also believe in the rational use of financial resources and gentle imaging techniques (non-radiation) in patient care. The intention of the author in this article² was to highlight the value of MRI in atypical and complex cases wherein the diagnosis of cysticercosis may not be too evident. Moreover, the authors have noted increasing use of MR techniques in musculoskeletal application, in view of versatility of information available from examination and

additional information that may alter patient management. In particular, regarding cysticercosis, MRI may provide clues to viability of the larvae, additional incidental larvae in clinically asymptomatic areas of facial region and detailed regional anatomy if surgery is contemplated. Most importantly, intracranial examination of the brain can be combined with the study to provide more critical information about cerebral involvement.

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