The Authors’ Reply to “Did This Cryptococcosis Patient Have HIV Coinfection?”

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The Author Replies

We greatly appreciate Kobayashi’s valuable comment. As mentioned, HIV infection does indeed cause CD4(+) lymphocytopenia and cryptococcosis, and the treatment strategies for cryptococcosis differ between patients with and without HIV infection (1). We performed an HIV test when we found this patient was infected with Cryptococcus and confirmed that the infection status was negative. Therefore, this cryptococcosis patient was not coinfected with HIV. Accordingly, we believe that CD4(+) lymphopenia occurred in this patient due to Daratumumab.

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Reference