

Author's response to reviews

Title: Case Report of 5 Siblings: Malnutrition? Rickets? DiGeorge Syndrome? Developmental Delay?

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Dear Dr. Kumagai,

The attached manuscript contains all of the editors' suggested revisions. Consequently, seven of the references were omitted. Since I do not have access to EndNote until next week, I could not use it to revise the references. I think they were all previously linked to medline in the original submission. The changes in the references are the following:

1. Reference 22 becomes #19
2. Reference 23 becomes #20
3. Reference 28 becomes #21

Previous reference numbers 19-21 and 24-27 were omitted.

As you may know, the six member lay jury acquitted Lamoy and Joseph Andressohn of manslaughter in the death of the infant and convicted them of neglect because they fed the older four children a raw foods vegan diet. During the trial, the judge wondered out loud about whether he might throw out the neglect charge because of lack of evidence. At the sentencing on December 15, 2005, the judge will have the prerogative of throwing out the neglect conviction. In a separate trial before a different administrative judge in family court, Dade County Child Protective Services sought to permanently terminate the parental rights of the Andressohns. The judge ruled in favor of the Andressohns and against the termination of their parental rights.

Hopefully, nutrition scientists, physicians, dietitians, and others can see and comment upon this case report before the sentencing of the Andressohns.

Thank you again for your consideration of this manuscript.

Best wishes,

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