Reviewer's report

Title: Streptococcus gordonii septic arthritis : about two cases and review of literature

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Minor Essential Revisions:
This is an interesting case study but unfortunately is full of basic Grammatical errors.
1. English grammar is extremely poor in a variety of places - this included both sentence structure and spelling - these all need to be corrected. (I have highlighted a few cases)
2. Case number 2 - line 4 should read - 'degenerative arthritis following a total knee arthroplasty 9 months prior to presentation.'
3. I am unclear regarding the two culture techniques - were they the same - please clarify in the text.
4. Case 2 - second paragraph - 'large tissue excision' should be replaced by 'soft tissue debridement'
5. Case 2 - 2nd paragraph line 3 - 'the prosthesis replacement...' should rather read 'a revision knee arthroplasty was performed'
6. Discussion:
6.1. Diagnosis: 1st paragraph, 3rd line - needs a reference.
6.2 Diagnosis: 2nd paragraph - ensure WCC is mentioned as either mm3 or /micro litres - should be consistent.
6.3 Diagnosis: 4th paragraph lines 11, 12 and 13 - MORE spelling errors.
7. Treatment
7.1 Treatment: Ref 35 is from 1975 - surely there are more recent references that could be used when discussing the management of this condition? I think this part of the treatment is not relevant to this topic and should be excluded if no recent references can be found.
7.2 Treatment: Last paragraph line 5 - 'inferior' should read 'less than'.
8. Conclusion
8.1 Conclusion: Last line - 'of any material' should read 'of any prosthesis'.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.