Reviewer's report

Title: A Case of Fungal Keratitis And Onychomycosis Simultaneously Infected By Trichophyton Species

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Minor essential revisions

This is indeed an interesting case and perhaps the first to be reported.

1. The Trichophyton species like T. rubrum or T. mentagrophyte is not mentioned in the paper. Whether the typing was done?

2. Medium used for fungal culture should have been mentioned.

3. Simultaneous occurrence of fungal keratitis and onychomycosis has been reported earlier by Ritterband et al (Cornea 1998; 17:115-118) although the incriminating agent was Cryptococcus laurentii. This fact should be incorporated.

4. In conclusions, second paragraph; references should come after Shenoy R et al and Mohammed et al instead of them at the end of the sentence. Further, Shenoy R et al should be written as Shenoy et al.

5. In figure legends, figure 2; instead of writing black within brackets please write the magnification.

6. Grammatical and spelling errors to be corrected are:

i) In abstract, background; fungal keratitis is so difficult to treat that can result in corneal blindness----should be written as fungal keratitis is difficult to treat and can result in corneal blindness----.

ii) In background, first paragraph; the most common pathogens of fungal keratitis are-----, although prevalent species is different from geographical areas of the world. Trichophyton is a widely distributed species. Reframe it as, the most common pathogens of fungal keratitis are-----, although the prevalent species differ in different geographical areas of the world. Trichophyton is a widely distributed species.

iii) In background, first paragraph (last line); onychomycosis should be spelled as onychomycosis.

iv) In case report, second paragraph; fungal hyphae were observed in corneal specimen stained on microscopic examination. Rewrite as, fungal hyphae were observed in (mention name of the stain) stained corneal specimen on microscopic examination.

v) In case report, second paragraph (second line); write fungal culture instead of fungus culture.
vi) In case report, second paragraph; the patients had suffered from foot onychomycosis for 10 years. Write it as; the patient had suffered from foot onychomycosis for 10 years.

vii) In case report, second paragraph; the corneal infiltrate was worsened should be written as the corneal infiltrate worsened.

viii) In case report, third paragraph; write moderate cellular inflammatory reaction instead of moderate cellular inflammation reaction.

ix) In conclusions, first paragraph (first line); fungal keratitis is difficult to diagnose and to treat. Please delete the second to.

x) In conclusions, first paragraph (third last line); onychomysis should be spelled as onychomycosis.

xi) In authors’ contributions; KWJ and YJS was responsible should be replaced with KWJ and YJS were responsible.

xii) In references, reference number 5; 1974 within parenthesis should be deleted.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.