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Dear Sir or Madame -

I made the required changes on the manuscript and I'm ready to upload it again. Headings were added to the abstract. Abbreviations such as IKDC are explained.

As the manuscript is reporting about two cases suffering from the same condition and undergoing treatment with the standard of care therapy for this condition no ethical approval has been requested.

The patient would have been treated anyway with the procedure described. This condition just gave reason to us to perform literature research and sum up the results of this research in the manuscript.

The patient’s condition was followed and explained to them several times.

As described - both underwent surgery before which wasn't able to alleviate their pain. The patients gave their written consent for surgery and as well to publish their results.

Written informed consent was obtained from the patients for publication of this case report and any accompanying images.

The Study was carried out in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki and out within appropriate ethical framework.

In case you do need any further documents please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you very much for your help.

Kind regards

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