Author's response to reviews

Title: Giant hydronephrosis mimicking progressive malignancy

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Dear Emma Veitch,

Thank you for your email concerning our manuscript entitled "Giant hydronephrosis mimicking progressive malignancy" (ID: 1365 6809 6818 0308).

We have carefully studied all of the reviewer's comments and revised the manuscript accordingly:

* Page 4, paragraph 1: Information about the indication for hysterectomy and whether an ovariectomy had been performed has been included.
* Page 3, paragraph 2: Differential diagnoses of hydronephrosis have been outlined including exotic malignant tumours originating from the kidney. However, the classic renal cell carcinoma or angiomyolipoma do not resemble cystic tumours as presented in our case report.
* Page 5, paragraph 1: Information about potential radiological signs of metastatic disease have been included.
* Page 4, paragraph 2: Information about biochemical signs of malignant growth have been incorporated.
* Page 6, paragraph 2: Information about the addition of endourological techniques to complete diagnosis in this specific case and in general have been included in the text.
* Page 5, paragraph 2: Information about the localisation of the pelvic tumour and the status of the distal ureter have been added.
* Page 6, paragraph 2: An example was given ("MRI") to explain the term "modern imaging technologies".
* Pages 2, 4, 5: The spelling of the words was corrected.
* Arrows have been used to indicate specific findings in figures 1, 3a and 3b.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the manuscript or the revisions.

With best wishes,

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