Author's response to reviews

Title: A case of masked toxic adenoma in a patient with non-thyroidal illness

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Dear Editor-in-Chief of *BMC Endocrine Disorders*

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to these valuable comments and believe that the manuscript has been satisfactorily improved by this revision. We hope that the changes are satisfactory and that this revised manuscript becomes suitable for publication in *BMC Endocrine Disorders*.

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Thank you for your kind consideration in advance and we are looking forward to hearing good news.

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### Response to Editor’s comment

1. After assessing your manuscript, we note that there are an unusually high number of authors for a case report and that five reviewers are listed as having "contributed by revision it critically for intellectual consent". Please read our guidance on criteria for authorship and consider whether your author list should be revised:

**ANSWER:** We can’t agree with you more on this point. We have removed the names of four persons as authors of this study who do not meet the criteria for authorship.

### Response to Reviewer 1’s comment

1. Major compulsory revision.

- **DISCUSSION.** first paragraph: "decreased total and free T3 levels with normal levels of T4..."

Circulating T4 levels have shown to transiently rise during the acute phase of illness and normalize again when recovery follows quickly. However, patients who are severely ill, suffering from diseases that do not allow immediate recovery, present with reduced
circulating total and free T4 concentrations.

**ANSWER:** As your comment, we added the sentence in the discussion.

2. Minor essential revisions:

1) **BACKGROUND.** first paragraph, "sick euthyroid syndrome" I suggest change by "euthyroid sick syndrome (ESS)".

2) in the same paragraph "changes in thyroid function during fasting,..." is more appropriate the term "starvation".

3) **CASE PRESENTATION.** first paragraph, "no apparent thyroid eye" i suggest change by "thyroid associated orbitopathy".

4) **DISCUSSION.** first paragraph: final paragraph: "atrophied thyroid gland" I suggest change by "atrophic thyroid gland".

5) final paragraph: "is another good treatment option" I suggest change by "is another treatment option".

**ANSWER:** We revised the sentences as your comment. Thank you for your advice.

3. Needs some language corrections before being published

**ANSWER:** We checked the English grammar with English consultants. Thankyou.