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Title: The use of nerve growth factor in herpetic keratitis: a case report

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The authors send revision form of the manuscript “THE USE OF NERVE GROWTH FACTOR IN HERPETIC KERATITIS: A CASE REPORT” to Journal of Medical Case Report with a point-by-point description of the changes made.

Reviewer: Renata Rezende

1) We have included the word “simplex” between herpes and virus
2) After ten days of systemic and topical therapy with acyclovir we found a corneal hypoesthesia
3) We didn’t use a lubricants with acyclovir
4) Systemic and topical acyclovir therapy was stopped after starting NGF treatment
5) We didn’t use any lubricants or ointments with NGF eye drops
6) The patient had no signs of AIDS
7) We think that NGF therapy may be useful in any form of HSV-1 keratitis but primarily in neurotrophic form
8) We have not used the NGF eye drops in other cases of herpes keratitis because the cost of therapy is very high and our funds are poor.

Reviewer: Yong Ming Por

1) We included the CD4 count (496/mm$^3$)
2) The patient didn’t use HAART therapy
3) The debridement of corneal epithelium with alcohol or ether is an old therapy that we don’t use. We found a corneal hypoesthesia.
4) We have adjusted the reference 5
5) We have adjusted line 3 of “Conclusions”
6) We have verified the uniformity of format of the references

Sincerely yours

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