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Dear Professor Kidd,

**Author’s response to reviews in Journal of Medical Case Reports**

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Please find enclosed the revised manuscript with the changes required for submission.

I would like to thank the reviewers for their helpful comments and for Ms Francisca’s e-mail dated 30 January 2008.

In regards to the first reviewer’s comments:

“I would consider including the pathology image from the case. I would also expand on how radiation-induced morphea differs from other complications of radiotherapy, and how to distinguish these complications from one another.”

1. Histopathology slides, previously not included in order not to exceed 3 figures, have now been included. Total number of figures have now reduced to 2.
2. Paragraphs 3 and 4 in the discussion have already included explanations of the difference between radiation-induced morphea (RIM) and simple radiation fibrosis. I am not sure if this is what the first reviewer has in mind.

In regards to the second reviewer’s comments:

“Case report is well written. However abbreviation RIM should be
Photograph demonstrating the histopathological features would add to the quality of the case report.”

1. Abbreviation RIM has now been introduced in the abstract and the background.
2. Histopathology slides have now been included, as above.

Written informed patient consent was obtained for publication of the report and any accompanying images.

I have also included the acknowledgement of thanks to Dr D Green for providing the histopathology slides.

With these minor amendments, I hope that the article will be acceptable for publication.

Many thanks,

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Dr Nellie Cheah