Author's response to reviews

Title: A novel observation of Pubic Osteomyelitis due to Streptococcus Viridans after dental extraction: a case report.

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Point by point response to the reviewers concerns after extensive re-editing:

Reviewer 1:

1. Male specified
2. Abbreviations spelled out
3. Spelling and grammar checked
4. Para 2; neurological, muscular examination described in detail as suggested
5. Sensory system examination described as suggested
6. Para 3; 1st sentence: laboratory investigations cited with SI units and split of White cell count differential stated.
7. Swinging pyrexia explained as suggested by both reviewers
8. Para 5, 1st sentence; word “ambulating “used instead of mobilising.
9. in the discussion, clarified how and why it mimics pelvic pathology. Further references from literature added, and a brief discussion on osteitis pubis is mentioned.
10. Discussion; last sentence; Aerobic and Cocci now in lower case.
11. Further emphasized the importance to take a history of dental extraction in patients with pelvic pain and fever, and the importance of imaging patients with MRI in suspected pubic osteomyelitis.
12. Three more references included in the discussion as suggested by the reviewer (Ref 11, 12 and 13)

Reviewer 2:

1. Updated reference, Meirovitz et al has been included in the discussion section.
2. Specific issues about pubic osteomyelitis in athletes viz: 1) pre-existing subclinical osteitis pubis 2) compromised immune system during exercise and 3) association of pubic osteomyelitis and osteitis pubis has been included in the discussion section.
3. Medical jargons, misspellings, repetition and syntax errors corrected and checked.
4. The wording “very rare” has been changed to “uncommon” when describing pubic osteomyelitis in the introduction section.
5. Repetition eliminated in the first paragraph as suggested.
6. Further clarification on how presentation of septic arthritis of hip joint is different from pubic osteomyelitis and in our patient explained in discussion section.