Author's response to reviews

Title: Pulmonary fibrosis secondary to siderosis causing symptomatic respiratory disease: a case report

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To the Editors of the Journal of Medical Case Reports,

Many thanks for considering our case report for submission. In response to the specific comments made by the reviewers:

**Reviewer 1 (Chong-Jen Yu)**

Point 1 – “The authors should demonstrate fibrosis in the lung, special staining for collagen fibre is necessary.”

Author’s Response - We have now included a photo demonstrating significant pulmonary fibrosis (see Fig 3(B) - High power Elastic van Gieson collagen stain (red) demonstrating significant fibrosis).

**Reviewer 2 (Pan-Chyr Yang)**

Point 1 – “The histology of lung biopsy did not provide support for lung fibrosis. Please replace with at least one image that can confirm the presence of extensive fibrotic changes after iron inhalation.”

Author’s Response – We have now included a photo demonstrating significant pulmonary fibrosis (see Fig 3(B) - High power Elastic van Gieson collagen stain (red) demonstrating significant fibrosis).
Point 2 – “Some granuloma is observed in histology. This should be mentioned and discussed.”

Author’s Response - An experienced Histopathologist (MG) has reviewed the histopathology. He did not identify any granulomas in the lung tissue.

We hope that the paper is now suitable for publication.

Many thanks,

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