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**Editor's comments:**

Thank you for returning your revised manuscript. Before we continue the review process, please could you provide a point-by-point response to the reviewers' reports, detailing where and how you have revised your manuscript in response to the reviewers' comments.

**Reviewer's report;**

**Reviewer:** Associate editor

**Date:** Fri, September 10, 2010 12:48:14 AM
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Has the case been reported coherently? Yes

Is the case report authentic? Yes

Is the case report ethical? Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication? Yes.

Review some relevant papers and complete their discussion and conclusions. Also eliminate acronyms.

The relevant papers provided have been searched for, reviewed and added to the discussion as the reviewer indicates with their references.

In the introduction: morbidity added, clinical indicators added,

Discussion: oropharyngeal injuries added and referenced.

Acronyms have been eliminated from the write up as the reviewer indicates such as PCV (packed cell volume), ENT (ear, nose and throat) etc

Is this case worth reporting? Yes

Is the case report persuasive? Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value? Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value? Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice? Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected? Yes
Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.jmedicalcasereports.com/info/instructions/). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.

The revised manuscript conforms to the journal style as indicated by the editor and the files are correctly formatted as the figures have now been attached separately in different files of figures 1, 2 and 3.

Aside from addressing the editor’s recommendations, please make sure you address the following formatting changes:

- Please insert a header/heading for the Conclusion section.

The heading for conclusion section has been included in the revised manuscript.

The Conclusion section should state clearly what can be concluded from the case report, and give a clear explanation of the importance and relevance of the case.

This has been addressed as the reviewer indicates in the conclusion section as below “The presence of gas forming organism in this clinical scenario makes it an interesting case. This report also shows that despite numerous challenges encountered during the management of this patient the end result was satisfactory.”
Is it an original case report of interest to a particular clinical speciality of medicine or will it have a broader clinical impact across medicine? Please include information on how it will significantly advance our knowledge of a particular disease etiology or drug mechanism.

This report is expected to impact positively on the clinical practice in the field of ENT surgery, Paediatrics, Anaesthesia, Family medicine, and intensive care units, most especially in resource challenge settings like ours.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours Faithfully,

Signed

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