Author's response to reviews

Title: A non-healing corneal ulcer as the presenting feature of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus: a case report

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication. Please see below our responses to the reviewers comments:

Referee 1

This is an excellent brief article reminding medical practitioners of an unusual, but potentially blinding presentation of diabetes. The only suggestion I have for the authors is that a brief differential diagnosis of this problem should be included in the case report discussion, including such things as anterior basement membrane dystrophy.

We agree with the reviewer that a differential diagnosis is important and have added a comment in the manuscript mentioning anterior basement membrane dystrophy and other mechanisms. The comment is highlighted in yellow.

Referee 2

- corneal sensation, tear function i.e. rose bengal pattern, lid mechanics, nocturnal lagophthalmos deserve comment.
- mention of stem cell function, growth factor studies, topical insulin studies, and basement membrane abnormalities briefly in the summary would add interest.

We are in agreement with the reviewers suggestions and have added comments in the manuscript addressing the above points. References have been added citing growth factor studies and the novel use of insulin drops in the diabetic rat to enhance healing of epithelial defects. The comments are highlighted in yellow.

Thank you once again for considering our manuscript.

Yours Sincerely,

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