Author's response to reviews

Title: Laser therapy treatment of phacomatosis pigmentovascularis type II: two case reports

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Dear Professor Kidd:

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript.  
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“Laser therapy treatment of phacomatosis pigmentovascularis type II: two case reports and literature review”

We found the reviewers’ comments to be very helpful, and have rewritten our manuscript along the lines suggested. We have revised our paper and changed the abstract to the correct format.

We have addressed all the comments by Dr. Nitin Dhepe and Dr. Davinder Parsad, as indicated on the attached pages. We think that our revisions will satisfy the reviewers’ requirements, and hope that our manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Sincerely yours,

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We are grateful to Dr. Nitin Dhepe for the critical comments and useful suggestions, which have helped us improve our paper. As indicated in the responses below, we have taken all these comments and suggestions into account in the revised version of our paper.

Comment #1
It would be nice as to know some objective assessment of the lesions – as in did the lesions reduce by 40% in the first visit, faded by how much. The reports will be strengthened by these objective parameters.

Response
P5 L14-L18
We have added the information about how much the lesions faded. This subjective evaluation by four physicians (the four authors on the paper) is presented as a percentage of the original intensity of the lesion color. Although we did not use an instrument to measure the fading, the authors agreed on the percentage of decrease, and we believe that presenting this information will give the reader a clear idea of the improvement achieved in each case.

Comment #2
How do we know that it was treatment with laser and not the disease process itself that helped in clearance in some of the lesions? They have mentioned that some of the melanosis faded even without any laser treatment.

Response
P10L1
We have clarified the effect of the laser therapy in the revised paper. Laser therapy in the treatment of PPV type II is known to be effective for improving PWS and aberrant Mongolian spots. On the other hand, the CMTC of PPV type II can be expected to improve on its own.

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Comment #1
Please change the title, review of literature can be removed.

Response
We removed “and literature review” from the title.

Comment #2
Please modify the following sentence A pediatrician diagnosed PPV type IIb and Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome.

Response
P5L2
We changed the sentence.