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Dear Editor in Chief

I am sending herewith a revised manuscript entitled "Potential risk of alpha-glucosidase inhibitor administration in prostate cancer external radiotherapy by the exceptional rectal gas production: a case report" to be submitted to Journal of Medical Case Reports. Your kind arrangements for publication of this paper are so much appreciated.

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Reviewer 1. Sophy H Mangana

Please have an English language editor review this report. There are many language deficiencies and it is not ready for publication.

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

We have our manuscript corrected by professional English Editor.
Reviewer 2. Calvin ThigpenC

1. The first sentence of the “Case report” section of the abstract needs rephrasing to say “in a patient taking an…”
   We changed words accordingly.

2. In the first sentence of the introduction, the word “pronounced” is inappropriate; “prevalent” would be a better word choice.
   We changed words accordingly.

3. The sentence that begins with “Finally we gave up…” needs rephrasing to convey more clearly that the investigators gave up on doing TPCT on the day the patient had so much gas and that this made the patient the first at their institution to be unable to get TPCT for any reason. This might require two sentences.
   We changed words and deleted later sentence accordingly.

4. The use of alpha-glucosidase inhibitors is quite rare today, particularly given the surge in new diabetic medications over the past several years; however, I suppose it’s still possible that someone could encounter this issue and that this case could provide some guidance. The conclusion in both the abstract and in the fuller case report should be phrased more strongly to say that patients who are taking alpha-glucosidase inhibitors for diabetes should discontinue use of that particular medicine prior to beginning radiotherapy of the prostate. There are plenty of other choices for good, and even better, diabetic control.
   We inserted a phrase accordingly.

5. Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
   I have checked manuscript by professional English editor.