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Dear Editorial Team:

Re: *Journal of Medical Case Reports* MS: 1628495113127495

“Gossypiboma 19 years after laminectomy mimicking a malignant spinal tumor: a case report”

We would like to thank the reviewers for their time and effort in helping us to improve our manuscript. We are indeed grateful for the opportunity to revise our manuscript in accordance with the issues raised. We have completed the revisions suggested by the reviewers and would like to resubmit our manuscript to *Journal of Medical Case Reports*.

Following are our point-by-point responses to the comments from the reviewers. We trust that you will find the revisions to your satisfaction and hope you will now consider the manuscript acceptable for publication.

Sincerely,

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(1) The histological figures are demonstrative for the readers of the journal. Please add at least one pathologist in the author byline, if possible, because I hope that one contributed to the comment of the histological specimen from Pathology department.

Response: Thank you very much for these valuable comments. We added the pathologist as an author.

(2) Postoperative MRI may be useful to confirm the completeness of the surgical removal of the foreign materials. Please provide postoperative MRI, if possible.

Response: Unfortunately, we do not have postoperative MRI of this patient.

(3) A language revision is necessary before acceptance of the article because there are several misspelling in the text.

Response: We checked the manuscript again. The misspellings were corrected, and they are shown in red and underlined.

(4) Please add arrow to demonstrate the foreign material on the CT and MRI figures (Figs. 1 & 2).
Response: We added open arrows pointing to the foreign material on the CT and MRI figures (Figs. 1 and 2).

(5) Please change the description of the patient’s gender to ‘male’.

Response: We changed the description of the patient’s gender to ‘male’.

(6) Please include the Ethnicity of the patient in the Abstract and Case presentation sections.

Response: We added the Ethnicity of the patient in the Abstract and Case presentation.

(7) Please include a list of abbreviations used in the manuscript and their meanings after the Conclusions section.

Response: We added a list of abbreviations.

(8) Please include an acknowledgement section at the end of the manuscript before the reference list. Please acknowledge anyone who contributed towards the study by making substantial contributions to conception, design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data, or who was involved in drafting the manuscript or revising it critically for important intellectual content, but who does not meet the criteria for authorship. Please also include the source(s) of funding for all authors. Authors should obtain permission to acknowledge from all those mentioned in the Acknowledgements.

Response: We added an acknowledgement section at the end of the manuscript before the reference list.