Author’s response to reviews

Title: Multiple Intraneural Glomus Tumors In Different Digital Nerve Fascicles

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Dear Prof. Elizabeth Debney:

Thank you very much for your letter and advice. We have revised the manuscript, and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. The response to your comments are listed below this letter.

We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

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Replies to the Editor Comments:

1) Please labeled all figure panel clearly and according to figure legend

Answer: yes ,we labeled the figures.
2) Regarding the histological characterization, please provide the missing negative staining and their positive controls as supplementary material (S100, CK, C31, Desmin, EMA, CgA). No need to add 40X10, 5X10, etc... in the figure legend as their is scale bar on each images.

Answer: we add the figure supplementary. S100 is in figure4.

Replies to Olga Gutkowska (Reviewer 1): Olga Gutkowska (Reviewer 1): I find the majority of the corrections introduced by the authors satisfactory.

I recommend two minor changes:

Page 3, lines 46-48: This sentence has not been corrected. If there was an increase in localized pain on exposure of the affected finger to cold water, this means that the results of the cold sensitivity test were POSITIVE.

Answer: thanks, we make the change.

Page 4, lines 63-65: Please correct as follows for a clear meaning: "One tumor was excised along with a segment of the surrounding nerve fascicle, while the other tumor was removed leaving the corresponding nerve fascicle intact."

Answer: thanks, we make the change.

Replies to Anja Harder (Reviewer 2):

Thanks for the revised version. I suppose some concerns were not adequately solved: please declare if glomangioma and glomangiomyoma as well as oncocytic change are ruled out within the histological description but not in discussion section.

Answer: we add the section ”No obvious cavernous blood vessels, no smooth muscle cells and no eosinophilic cytoplasm were observed. Therefore, the diagnosis of glomangioma, glomangiomyoma and oncocytic glomus tumor were excluded.”(see page5, line 73~76)

Please correct the new sentence: "The atypical features, mitoses and pleomorphism were normal" so that pathologists understand that there are no atypical features. I do not have other concerns and would suggest publication after minor corrections.

Answer: we change the section to “The atypical features, mitoses and pleomorphism were not observed.” (see page5, line 76~77)
Assistant Editor Comments:

1. Please address the comments from the Associate Editor and reviewers, shown above.

   Answer: we address the comments.

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6. Formatting.

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-Please change the title of Abbreviations to List of abbreviations.

Answer: we make the change

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