Author’s response to reviews

Title: Local dissemination of osteosarcoma observed after massage therapy: a case report

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We sincerely thank you for your considering our manuscript entitled “Dissemination of osteosarcoma caused by massage therapy: a case report” for publication in BMC Cancer. We are very grateful for your prompt attention and thorough review. Based on the reviewers’ comments, we have revised the manuscript and have addressed all of the concerns brought up. Please see below for our point-by-point responses to each of the reviewers’ comments. If there are any further issues that need to be resolved to improve our manuscript, please let us know.

Newly added or changed parts are indicated in red in the revised manuscript.

Response to reviewer 1:
Thank you for your comments. We agree with your comment about the influence of massage therapy on metastatic disease. Although MRI showed local dissemination of primary site, there is no evidence that massage therapy induced metastatic disease. To describe the influence of massage therapy on local dissemination clearly, the Abstract session and Discussion sections were corrected.

Response to reviewer 2:
Thank you for your comments. We agree with the comments about the influence of massage therapy on local and distant dissemination of osteosarcoma. As the reviewer’s recommendation, the unclearness of the influence of massage therapy on the distant metastases was added to Abstract session and Discussion section as limitation of this case report.

Furthermore, recommendation for massage therapist is added to the manuscript as follows:
“In treatment of patients with progressive symptoms such as pain and swelling due to unknown origin, massage physicians should persuade the patients to undergo examinations such as X-ray, MRI, and blood test prior to the treatment.”