Author’s response to reviews

Title: Clostridium perfringens panophthalmitis and orbital cellulitis: a case report

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Dear editor,

You will find below the answer to the reviewers. The article has been revised and I hope that it will be interest the readers of your journal.

Best regards,

Dr Farida Hamdad

Reviewer’s Response:

The manuscript has been reviewed and corrections were performed

Reviewer 1:

1 line 60:
- It would be relevant to know the mechanism of the trauma. 
Done

- It is also not clear the time of the trauma and presentation of symptoms before attending hospital. Done

- Was reduced vision the only symptom? Any pain, malaise? 
Done

2. Discussion:
- It would be useful to describe the differential diagnosis of panophthalmitis, 
It is a single case report

- the common bacterial and non-bacterial etiology 
Done

- and the prevalence of Clostridium sp. as a cause of this type of infection. 
It is a single case report

- It is worth also elaborating on the role of early vitrectomy in trauma with IOFB with concurrent intraocular infection. 
It is a case report

3. Caption to Fig. 3:
- The "enlargement of the globe" is probably an unfortunate expression used by the authors - perhaps it would be better to describe as "oedematous and congested periocular tissues and proptosis", as the relatively enlarged contour of the globe itself is probably due to slightly asymmetrical scan. 
Done
Done

Reviewer 2:
Line 32: with instead of by
Done

Line 48: remove the ","
Done

Line 53: remove the ",". "The infection can progress and, panophthalmitis can occur and can complicate with orbital..." Fix this sentence
Done

Line 60: with a metallic IOFB
Done

Line 62: oedematous lid or palpebral oedema are both valid options.
Done

Line 64: remove the ",". The cornea had whitened or the cornea whitened.
Done

Line 70: An orbital ...
Done

Line 72: At the emergency room,
Done
precluded the performance of a vitrectomy. An orbital cellulitis was diagnosed. You may want to remove the "fundus examination" part since it's already understood in the previous sentence.

Line 84: remained NLP
Done

Line 85: and
Done

Line 88: remove the ","
Done

Line 89. anaerobic bacteria.
Done

Line 91: introduced is a false friend of English and some Latin languages... administered is the proper term here. Also the "the" before anticoagulants should be removed. "The occurrence of", though not wrong, should be also removed.
Done

Line 96-97: the second sentence lacks a verb: ... total hypopion and no evidence of resolution of the infection was observed (or something similar)
Done

Line 101: were administered
Done

Line 102: was seen
Line 104: The enucleation is not described. Seems like there is an important paragraph missed here. I'm sorry but this is the main issue within this case report.

Done

Line 111: C. perfringens is an infrequent aetiology of endophthalmitis.

Done

Line 112: remove the ","

Done

Line 113: This last sentence doesn't quite make much sense related to the previous one...Removed it

Line 115: exotoxin-producing. However "spore-forming anaerobic exotoxin-producing gram-positive bacilli" is a bit too heavy, you may want to rephrase it. You may want to change the "that is" fora ",",".

Done

Line 123: remove the ","

Done

Line 126: because the bacteria elaborates a multitude of extracellular tissue-destructive factors

Done

Line 127: "There was..." maybe this should be placed somewhere before the discussion

Done

Line 135: Need to rephrase the whole sentence
Done

Line 147: the ";" must be removed in order for the sentence to make sense.

Done

Line 152. remove the ",".

Done