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Dear sir/madam

Isolated unilateral temporalis muscle hypertrophy in a child: A case report.

Thank you for considering my manuscript for publication after minor review. Hereby I am sending a point by point response for the reviewers comments including the editor.

Editor Comments:

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Reviewer 1

01) The authors mentioned a review of the literature; however they only provided a table summing up the data about IUTMH in the literature. It would be of interest if the authors described a bit more the table in their text and how their new case differs or is similar to the previous ones described –

Page 4, Background section, Line 70 – 74,

This condition has been reported only in nine patients in English literature (Table 1). The age was ranging from 15 Years to 65 Years where included five females and four males. The youngest being a 15 year old adolescent girl, reported in 1998 [6] indicating that this condition is more confined to the adult population. In this study, we report the youngest reported case in a seven year old girl with a review of the current literature of note, this is the only pediatric patient presenting less than 10 years of age according to the best of our knowledge.

02) There is a few typos or words to define that could help the reader:

o Page 2, line 36, it is written "the child was not complained significant..." whereas it supposed to be read "the child was not complaining significantly..."

Page 2 Line 36 and 37 corrected

o Page 4, line 69, it is written "The exact etiology has not been identified not identified but theoretically..." where it should be written "The exact etiology has not been identified but theoretically..."

Page 4, line 68 - 69 corrected

The reviewer suggests filling all available spot in table 1 for the Authors & year section even when two patients come from the same study. It would help avoiding confusion.
Same patient reported in 2005 presented 9 years later with a relapse

Reviewer 2

1) Given that this review of the literature dates to 1880, it would be interesting to review that particular case in slightly more detail. E.g. age at presentation etc.

   I accept this comment but unable to get access to this article for more details.

2) Has bruxism or other excessive abnormal use ever been associated with this

   Theoretically yes. In bilateral and other types of masticatory muscle hypertrophy it has been an etiology. But not exact etiology in IUTMH

Page 4, Section Background, Line 68 - 70

Page 6, Section Discussion and conclusion, Line 121 – 125

3) In some specific forms of muscular dystrophy (eg Duchenne MD) temporals hypertrophy/pseudohypertrophy is common. In the discussion, as this is also a review of this condition generally, this may be worth noting. (Reference J Child Neurol. 2014 Oct;29(10):1344-8.).

   Page 6, Section Discussion and Comments, line 124

4) If there are data on effectiveness of injection with Botulinum toxicity in any of the authors reviews, this should be stated in the discussion.

   Page 7, section Discussion and Comments, line 135 – 143

The general comments also corrected. Especially the section on declarations.

We hope that above corrections will answer the reviewers’ comments and suggestions. We are happy to see your response and looking forward to here from you soon.

Thank you

Kind regards
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