Author’s response to reviews

Title: Fatal course of idiopathic chronic ulcerative enteritis with panenteritis and perforation: A case report and review of literature

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Dear reviewers

Thank you for your kind advice on the paper.
Most of the paper is corrected as reviewer recommended.
The correction and revisions are as follow:

Reviewer 1:
The authors claim that this is the first case presented with small intestinal perforation due to idiopathic chronic ulcerative enteritis (ICUE), which is not true. A case with small intestinal perforations has been published (Gao X et al. World J Gastroenterol 2013;19:4836-40). The publication is also included in the authors reference list!
Answer: In manuscript, the meaning of first case is not perforation case but panenteritis with perforation. However, clinical importance is rarity, not first description. Therefore, we erase paragraph including ‘first case’.

The is no information on whether the patient had a primary anastomosis or a diverting stoma. Other publications recommend stoma or a diverting stoma I case of primary anastomosis due to the risk of recurrence and an often poor general condition of the patient. It looks like the patient in the preset case had a primary anastomosis. The authors must elaborate more on this aspect of the surgical treatment.
Answer: We add description about operative maneuver for anastomosis and discussion about anastomosis and enterotomy.

The title should be changes to: "Fatal course of ….." as the patient died.
Answer: We correct title according to reviewer’s opinion.
The review of the literature is somewhat dubious. Which search criteria were used? A review of the literature should focus upon the surgical treatment of the disease, which is the main object of the case presented.
Answer: We search literatures in Pubmed. The keyword is ‘idiopathic chronic ulcerative enteritis’. Other descriptively term including ulcerative jejunitis, ulcerative jejunoileitis, nongranulomatous ulcerative jejunoileitis, ulcerative enteritis, and nonspecific ulcerative duodenojejunoileitis was not searched.
Although surgical focus is important, in ICUE, surgical approaches were needed repeatedly because of disease’ chronicity and recurrence. In published literatures, most of case were performed operation and description about operation was poor. Therefore, we couldn’t describe in detail about surgical focus.

There are several repetitions and the manuscript would benefit from a linguistic review.
Answer: Several repetitions was erased. If reviewer will point out repetitions part, we will erase or revise carefully.
This manuscript was reviewed from specialized editing company before submission. However, if reviewer point out linguistic part, we will revise carefully or perform reediting process from editing company.

Reviewer 2: The authors describe a case report of a ICUE with panenteritis and perforation underline the difficulty of diagnosis and treatment of this severe condition also for the rarity of the disease.
The report is well describe.
Two concerns
—how the patient gave the written consent if died?
Answer: In our hospital, at entrance in ER or OPD, written informed consent regarding the publication of case details or clinical retrospective study using medical records should be submitted from patient or legal guardian.

—How do you think to project a multi enter study with soi few pts?
Answer: We revise multicenter study part about rarity and difficulty of few case.

Thank you again for your kindness.
If reviewer have further recommendation or opinion, we will be willing to revise with great delight.
I look forward to hearing from you on our paper soon.

Sincerely yours.

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