Author's response to reviews

Title: Long-term experience of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for refractory radio- or chemotherapy-induced hemorrhagic cystitis.

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Dear Dr Ghaith,

Dear Ms Delos Santos,

Thank you very much for considering our manuscript 1975036517156379 - Long-term experience of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for refractory radio- or chemotherapy-induced hemorrhagic cystitis for publication in BMC Urology!

We herewith answer the reviewer’s and editor’s comments

Referee1:
No need for major or minor revision

Referee2:
MAJOR REVISIONS:
No

MINOR REVISIONS:
1&2. Grammatical and spelling mistakes
We apologise for the inadequate English language of the manuscript. A native English speaker has corrected the whole text. We assume that the manuscript is suitable for publication after his corrections.

3. more updated references should be written
References have been updated, although we would like to state, that there are only few recently published papers. Nevertheless we tried to include the most recent references.

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS:
Editor's Comments:
- There are many grammatical and spelling mistakes.
As mentioned above, we apologise for the inadequate English language of the manuscript. The whole text has been corrected by a native English speaker.
- What about the bleeding profile of the patients before HBOT?
The evaluation of the bleeding before HBOT is described in lines 99-103 and the exact bleeding profile of all patients before HBOT is noted in lines 138-144. However we inserted further clarifications in both paragraphs. Additionally, we analysed the number of hospital admissions (l. 139) and the number of blood transfusions (l. 134 & Tab. 2).
- You did not mention the cost of the therapy. What about the cost effectiveness?
We thank you for this important advice; we added a new paragraph regarding the cost effectiveness including a recently published reference. We also agree that cost effectiveness is an important issue in the evaluation of HBOT
- The lines 190:192 what is the significant of this paragraph in the article related to HC?
We initially thought that this paragraph would make it easier to understand the effect of HBOT on wound healing. But after your advice and comments from other colleagues we decided to delete the whole paragraph.
- The lines 219:229 need more clarification.
This section of the manuscript (lines 225-232 after the revision) has been clarified. We agree, that some sentences were complicated and perhaps unclear. After our revision we believe these sentences are more precise and therefore the content easier to read and to understand.

Additional Editorial Requests:
1. Copyedit:
As noted above, the whole text has been revised by a native English speaker. Additionally we reviewed the manuscript according to the journal's style.
2. Tracked Changes:
We tried to make all changes as clear as possible with 'tracked changes'. All changes are marked in another colour within the text. For a better readability we displayed only the deleted paragraph and not every modified letter within the text.
3. Acknowledgements:
We acknowledged anyone who contributed to the article by making substantial contributions to conception, design or acquisition of data
4. Ethics:
We added a statement pertaining to the approval of the study by the institutional review committee (University of Witten/Herdecke).

We hope that all changes are to your satisfaction and we would be delighted if you would accept our manuscript for publication in BMC Urology.

Best wishes from Germany,
Stephan Degener