Author’s response to reviews

Title: Type B insulin resistance syndrome with Scleroderma successfully treated with multiple immune suppressants after eradication of Helicobacter pylori infection: a case report

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Dear Dr. Tahrani,

Thank you for reviewing our submission and all the insightful comments from you and the reviewers.

We read all the comments carefully and revised the manuscripts accordingly. We have addressed all the concerns from reviewers and provided point-to-point responses.

We hope the current version of the manuscript is suitable to be published at BMC Endocrine Disorders.

Thanks for further considering our submission.

Sincerely

Yi-ming Mu

Point-by-point Responses to the reviewers:

Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #1:
1- The introduction section should be shortened.

Reply: we have shortened the introduction section.

2- The M&M is not fully clear.

Reply: it’s not an experimental study and there’s no “material and methods” section. However, we carefully read “case presentation” section and corrected several unclear expression.

3- The main rationale of the study should be elucidated.

Reply: since this is a case report, but not an experimental study. The rationale is simple: to summarize and extract key clinical information from this case and provide reference clinical practice to the community of this field.

4- A straight forward conclusion must be seen at the end of text body.

Reply: Our last paragraph: “The present case suggests……which may relieve the syndrome of type B insulin resistance.” has clearly stated the major conclusion derived from this case: H pylori infection should be considered in the cases of type B insulin resistance syndrome.

Reviewer #4: The authors reported that treatment for H pylori may be helpful in relieving type B insulin resistance syndrome for H. pylori positive patients. This case is very helpful for other physicians by showing that eradication of H. pylori infection leads to dramatic improvement of the control of glucose. However, before acceptance, Table 3 of the clinical course should be changed to a figure so that it can be understood more clearly.

Reply: we appreciate the positive comments on our case report. Regarding to the concern of Table 3, we have deleted the table and created a figure (Figure 1).