Author’s response to reviews

Title: ACTH-independent Cushing's syndrome with bilateral cortisol-secreting adrenal adenomas: a case report and review of literatures

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Dear editors,

We thank you and the reviewers for your valuable suggestions on our manuscript entitled “ACTH-independent Cushing's syndrome with bilateral cortisol-secreting adrenal adenomas: a case report and review of literatures”. We have revised the manuscript according to the comments. The point-to-point response is listed below:

1) Discussion and Conclusions Heading
Please ensure the Discussion and the Conclusion sections are presented as one section with the title 'Discussion and Conclusion'.

[Response] We appreciate this comment. In page 8, line 155, the section heading “Discussion” has been changed to “Discussion and Conclusion”. Meanwhile, we have deleted the section heading “Conclusion” and these two sections have been presented as one section.

2) Author Contributions

We note that two authors have the same initials (QL). To distinguish between them in the Authors’ Contributions section please designate them as QL1 and QL2, with QL1 corresponding to Qilin Liu, chosen because this name is furthest up the author list.

[Response] Thanks for this suggestion. In the Authors' contributions section, page 13, line 255, the “Q.Liu, Q.Li, K.R, Q.Z, Y.Y and Z.A participated in the clinical diagnosis and treatments” has been changed to “Q.L1, Q.L2, K.R, Q.Z, Y.Y and Z.A participated in the clinical diagnosis and treatments”. In the Authors' contributions section, page 13, line 258, the “(QL1 is corresponding to Qilin Liu, chosen because this name is the furthest up the author list, and QL2 is corresponding to Qianrui Li.)” has been added.

3) Endnotes

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[Response] In page 13, the Endnotes section has been removed.

4) CARE

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[Response] We have removed the CARE checklist from the file inventory.

5) Clean Manuscript

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[Response] We ensure that our manuscript and all relevant tables and figures are clean versions and figures are uploaded as separate files.
6) When we carefully checked our manuscript, some small mistakes have been found and corrected, as shown below:

1. In the Case presentation section, page 5, line 99, the “Table 4” has been changed to “Table 3”.

2. In the Case presentation section, page 5, line 101, the “gradient of aldosterone was 5.58 and 6.79 respectively” has been changed to “gradient of aldosterone were 5.58 and 6.79 respectively”.

3. In the Table headings section, page 19, line 389, the “kalium” has been changed to “potassium”, and in the line 390, the “natrium” has been changed to “sodium”. Meanwhile, the relevant parts in Table 1, page 21 have also been changed.

4. In the Table headings section, page 19, line 392, the “dexamathasone suppression tests” has been changed to “dexamethasone suppression tests”. The relevant part in Table 2, page 22 has also been corrected.

Thank you very much for your help.

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