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Thank you for considering of our manuscript for publication in your journal. We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer #1 (Marta Losalgias)
GENERAL POINTS
1. An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient.
2. The changes made has improve the article. No further problems are founded.

Reviewer #2 (Ayse Tulin Mansur)
GENERAL POINTS
1. A respectively new treatment for a common condition (complicated pressure ulcer)
2. It is an example of successful treatment of complicated pressure ulcers with negative pressure wound treatment with instillation.
MAJOR COMMENTS
3. This case report is not authentic, as deep and secondarily infected pressure ulcers can been seen.
   • We had described the progression of disease in our manuscript (See page 3). We considered it as severe complex pressure ulcers complicated with necrotic fasciitis. From 1 March 2014 to 1 July 2015, 8 individuals who developed pressure ulcers complicated with perianal necrotic fasciitis were admitted to our hospital. We were managed to find out an effective method that was related to negative pressure therapy for perianal necrotic fasciitis complicating sacral pressure ulcers. We are on the way to research into this area deeply. The most successful one was presented in this manuscript.
   "It was reported that the wound on ischial tuberosites arouse purulent secretions with labia majora redness on 19 June 2014. She was noticed with high body temperature and labia majora ulceration on 29 June 2014."(p 3)
4. The described treatment method has also been used in pressure ulcers recently.
   • We anticipated to find out a suitable method to the treatment of perianal necrotic fasciitis complicating pressure ulcers in the elderly.
5. The article did not report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits.
   • Done (See page 5). In fact, the health staff members in china seldom revisit their patients though follow-up visits are deemed to be necessary for discharged patients. I reviewed some literature on follow-up visit, and listed a series of items that should be emphasized. On 12 July 2015, the first author TIAN Geng-jia revisited the patient.
   “On 12 July 2015 (about 3 months post-discharge), the patient’s revisit was performed through one-to-one interview. The patient was found with no new occurrence or recurrence of pressure ulcers.”(p 5)
MINOR COMMENTS
6. Pressure ulcers were complicated with necrotizing fasciitis, not the vice versa. The title and the related sentences in the introduction and case report sections should be revised accordingly.
   • Done. The title and the related sentences in the article has been revised accordingly (See page
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Reviewer #3 (Abdulrasheed Nasir)

GENERAL POINTS
1. The case add to knowledge on negative pressure therapy.
2. An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests.

MAJOR COMMENTS
3. The manuscript need significant language correction upon publication. Need some language corrections before being published.
   • Done (See page 1, 2, 5, 7).

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