Author's response to reviews

Title: Non-invasive treatment for severe complex pressure ulcers complicating necrotizing fasciitis: A Case Report

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Dear editor,

Greetings!

This is a new manuscript by TIAN Geng-jia, GUO Ying* and ZHANG Li entitled “Non-invasive treatment for severe complex pressure ulcers complicating necrotizing fasciitis: A Case Report”. It is submitted to your system on 17 March. Then I received your e-mail that read “revision requested” on 2 June. Now I have revised my manuscript following the reviewers’ advices.

1. Typographical, grammatical errors and repetition
   The manuscript have been edited by myself repeatedly. I have corrected lots of errors of orthography, syntax and phrases and deleted several repeated parts.

2. About case presentation
   This part was said to be poorly written, so I rewrote it following many other published articles. Certainly, there was no plagiarism.

3. About introduction
   One reviewer stated that it was too short. I thought it over and decided to make no change.

4. About important dates and times
   This is really important to my paper. I added admission date and time (p3), antibiotic administration time (p4) and the time of patient’s get hurt to her vertebrae (p3).

5. Hip compute tomographic scan
   The scan did indicate infection to hip and I wrote it in detail in case presentation (p4).

6. CRP value, antibiotics and results of bacterial cultures
   I find that I have made a mistake on CRP value. The testing results reads 189.6 mg/L on the report. The antibiotics used on the patient was demonstrated on page 4. The results of bacterial cultures have been showed on page 4.

7. Hydrogen peroxide, sodium chloride solution, iodine and metronidazole
   We cleaned the undermined areas with these solutions through an irrigating tube by a syringe (p4). Hydrogen peroxide first, iodine and metronidazole second, sodium chloride solution third.

8. NPWTi descriptions
   I shortened this paragraph as the procedure was well-known to practitioners, but I still demonstrated how we put the irrigating tube and drain tube (p5).

9. Secondary infection or necrotic fasciitis?
   I explained it on Page 6.

10. About irrigating solutions
    I found a new article that may add new information to my paper so I enrolled it and wrote: “While Moore ZE (5) concluded that there was no good trial evidence to support use of any particular wound cleansing solution or technique for pressure ulcers (p7).”

11. Abbreviations
One reviewer was confused about PU. I used PU as polyurethane in my paper. And I deleted PUs.

12. Patients’ perspective
Two reviewers suggested that this part was not necessary to the case report so I removed it.

13. References
One reviewer recommended me a relative paper on NPW Ti and I reviewed literature and decided to add it to my reference list. Additionally, I have reedited my references in according to index medicus and Vancouver style.

14. Potassium and wound infection
There must be some misunderstandings on potassium and wound infection because of my poor writing skills. I am sure low level potassium suggest electrolyte disturbance. I have reorganized these sentences on page 4.

15. Use of statistics
In fact, I did not use any statistics test in my paper. When it comes to pressure ulcers 2 years’ recurrent rate, it is just a simple mathematical operation. What’s more, I did not study on irrigating solutions, some researcher said tap water was effective, another said tap water contributed to malignant infection even to death. I have quoted their opinions on page 7.

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Thanks very much for your attention to our paper.

Sincerely yours,

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