Author’s response to reviews

Title: Foodborne botulism due to ingestion of home canned green beans

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RE: JMCR-D-17-00438

Dear Dr. Nagpal,

thank you very much for sending us the comments of the reviewers.

You will find the corrections in red letters.

Our point-by-point responses are as follows:

Reviewer 1
Ad 5:
We agree that autonomic disorders are reported in literature and changed the manuscript accordingly. Two references were added.
We also agree that delirium is more likely caused by the critical illness. Even it has been speculated in the literature that there is a central effect of the neurotoxin, there is no clear proof for a central effect of toxin in our case. Therefore we removed the passage.
Ad 9: According to the reviewers comment, we included the results of the electrophysiological studies: “Electrophysiological studies (including blink reflex and repetitive nerve stimulation of the facial nerve) on hospital day 5 were normal. “
We emphasized 8 and 11 month hospitalization by mentioning it in the discussion.

Reviewer 2
Ad 9: We changed it as suggested.

Other minor comments to refine language: We changed the majority of the comments as suggested except for comment 2 and 8.

With kind regards,
Dorothea Hellmich, MD