Author’s response to reviews

Title: Title: The lab findings do not lie. (A Case Report of a patient with multiple electrolyte imbalances and mixed-acid base disorder posing a diagnostic dilemma)

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We appreciate dedication of the reviewers who read our manuscript and gave recommendations. We have worked on the manuscript in line with their recommendations and below is our reply to each one:

1. While explaining hypokalemia under discussion, "kalciuria" has been used. Should it be "kaliuresis" (renal excretion of potassium)?

Response: Yes, “Kaliuresis” was the intended word and it has now been corrected. Thank you very much.

2. The conclusion could be restructured or rephrased as labs and investigations should be used in conjunction with history. History is paramount. Sometimes, patients do not provide accurate history but it does not decrease the importance of history taking.

Response: The conclusion has been restructured as recommended. Thank you.

3. As to further the above argument, did the patient have asymptomatic bacteriuria or UTI? Patient did not have symptoms pertaining to UTI. Here history is vital for clinical decision making whether patient needs antibiotics or not.

Response: Thank you for correctly pointing out asymptomatic bacteriuria as opposed to UTI. The manuscript has now been appropriately corrected for the above. Thank you very much.
4. Needs English language revision at a few places and capital letters used in between sentences inappropriately.

Response: A proficient English writer has read through the manuscript now and corrected errors. Thank you very much.