

Dear Editor and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "**Sclerosing polycystic adenosis of the submandibular gland: report of two cases and review of the literature**" (Manuscript NO.: 62099). These comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made revision which we hope meet with approval. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer's comments are as follows:

**Reviewer #1:** Specific Comments to Authors: I really appreciate your work and I consider that this manuscript makes concrete contributions to the knowledge on a rare disease "Sclerosing polycystic adenosis (SPA) of the submandibular gland". Previous scholars mainly focused on this disease arising from the parotid gland, while the authors summarized the characteristics of SPA cases of the submandibular gland, a rarer entity, and presented two new cases. Despite these merits, I still hope the authors can have a discussion on the differences of SPA among different subsites, and the conclusion should be more related to the features of SPA specifically in the submandibular gland.

1. Response to comment:

Thank you very much for reviewing our article. We greatly appreciate your approval of our work and your constructive suggestions. In the revised manuscript, we discussed the differences among SPA in different subsites, including the main clinical manifestations, therapeutic strategy and prognosis. Typically, SPA of the major salivary glands is slow-growing, deep-seated, round, palpable masses, occasionally with pain or a tingling sensation while SPA of the minor salivary glands are seen as asymptomatic, firm, smooth, freely movable submucosal nodules. As for the treatment, localized surgical excision with clear margins, submandibular gland excision, superficial and total parotidectomy with facial nerve preservation is recommended for SPA in the minor salivary glands, submandibular gland, primary and recurrent SPA in the parotid gland, respectively. SPA has a good prognosis after adequate surgery, but recurrences

and malignancy have been reported in SPA of the parotid gland. Moreover, we summarized the features of SPA in the submandibular gland, which can be found in the summary paragraph.

**Reviewer #2:** Issues raised: (1) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s); (2) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor; (3) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list. Please revise throughout; and (4) Authors should always cite references that are relevant to their study. Please check and remove any references that not relevant to this study.

2. Response to comment:

Thanks for your comments, the responds are as follows:

1. The approved grant application forms are added.
2. The contained figures are rearranged by PowerPoint.
3. The PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers were added to the reference list. And all authors of the references were listed.
4. We have moved the references that not relevant to this study.

**Reviewer #3:** I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

3. Response to comment:

Thank you so much for reviewing our article and positive comments. We tried our best to revise and improve the manuscript based on the Reviewers' and Editors' comments and suggestions. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly, and hope that the revision will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.