

Dear Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma:

Thank you very much for your letter and advice. We have revised the manuscript with tracked changes, and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. The response to your comments are listed below this letter. We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely, Siyuan Ma

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## **Replies to the comments**

### **Round #1**

Reviewer #1:

(1): The description of the doses of the medications used for the treatment is lacking.

**Answer: we have added the doses of medications used for the treatment in the “Case presentation” sections.**

Q: It seems that the technique of skin transplantation procedure is poorly described.

**Answer: we have added the detail description of skin transplantation procedure in the “Case presentation” sections as follow: The skin transplantation procedure was divided into two parts and performed simultaneously. In one group, the edema granulation and necrotic tissue were scraped off with scalpel, repeatedly rinsed with hydrogen peroxide (0.1%) and normal saline for 3 times. Gauze soaked with 1:20000 epinephrine solution was used to stop bleeding for 5 minutes. In the other group, normal saline containing 1:200000 epinephrine was injected into the scalp to swell the skin for hemostasis. The razor-thin skin was cut with air-driven dermatome, and the donor area of the head was covered with vaseline gauze, and the multi-layer sterile**

dressing was applied under pressure. After cleaned with sterile normal saline, the thickness skin was cut into stamp like skin with the size of 0.5cm \* 0.5cm; finally, the stamp skin of scalp was transplanted to the wound and bandaged with gauze.

### Science editor:

Q: I found no "Author contribution" section. Please provide the author contributions.

Answer: we have provided "Author Contributions" section in " revised manuscript file" as "Dongdong Xue, Ling Zhou, and Yong Yang contributed to the treatment, literature search, and study design; Dongdong Xue contributed to study conception and manuscript writing; Siyuan Ma contributed to the treatment, the study design, and manuscript revision; all authors have read and approved the final manuscript."

Q: I found 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);

Answer: we upload the needed approved grant application form on the system.

Q: I found the authors did not provide the original figures. 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.

Answer: we provide the original figure documents and submit it as "56940-Figures.ppt" on the system.

Q: I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout.

Answer: we have updated the reference style to meet the requirement.

Q: the author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces.

Answer: we have numbered the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text according to your advice to meet the requirement.

Q: Requirements for figures: Please provide decomposable Figures (whose parts are all movable and editable), organize them into a single PowerPoint file, and submit as "58654-Figures.ppt" on the system. The figures should be uploaded to the file destination of "Image

File”.

**Answer: we provide the original figure documents and submit it as “58654-Figures.ppt” on the system.**

Q: Requirements for tables: Please provide decomposable Tables (whose parts are all movable and editable), organize them into a single Word file, and submit as “58654-Tables.docx” on the system. The tables should be uploaded to the file destination of “Table File”.

**Answer: There is no tables in our manuscript. Thank you.**

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- (12) 58654-Supplementary Material (No)

## **Round #2**

Dear Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma:

Thank you again for your letter and advice. We have revised the manuscript again according to the comments of reviewer, and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. The response to the comments are listed below this letter.

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Reviewer:

Q: Still, there is a mismatch between figure legends (4 and 5) and numbers of slides (5 and 4 accordingly) in the PowerPoint file, and no notes are made on slide - please, check.

*Answer: Thank you for the responsible work. We have matched the figure legends (4 and 5) and numbers of slides (5 and 4 accordingly) in the PowerPoint file. We also made the notes on each slide from 1 to 5. Additionally, we added the missed "(Figure2)" in the "Physical examination" sections.*

Q: It seems that closing parenthesis - ) - is missed in the anti-infection therapy description (page 6).

*Answer: The missed closing parenthesis - ) has been added according to the comment. Thank you very much.*

Q: Spaces are missed between text and opening parenthesis in some places.

*Answer: The missed spaces have been added according to the comment. Thank you again.*