

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 67941-Review.doc).

Title: Treatment of bilateral granulomatous lobular mastitis during lactation with Traditional Chinese Medicine: Case report and analysis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

The first review's composition comment on the manuscript and my answer

(1) Page 3, "The patient was a 37-year-old Chinese female who initially presented with a firm mass" – the authors should provide a table to summarize the geographic parameters.

Answer: Yes, I agree with your comment and have provided a table to summarize the geographic parameters.

(2) "Figure 1. A tunnel sign (a hypoechoic lesion which resembles a subcutaneous pathway with an exit at the skin) in the right breast on ultrasonography in the patient with GLM. GLM: Granulomatous lobular mastitis. Replace "which" with "that" in the location above.

Answer: Yes, I agree with your comment and make the corresponding modifications.

(3) "Figure 2. A funnel sign (a hypoechoic, heterogeneous lesion which resembles a pipe with a wide, conical mouth and a narrow stem) is seen in the right breast on ultrasonography in the patient with GLM." Replace "which" with "that" in the location above.

Answer: Yes, I agree with your comment and make the corresponding modifications.

(4) "Figure 5. After 14 days of continuous administration TCM, the mass was reduced to 10 cm × 6 cm in the right breast and 10 cm × 8 cm in the left breast, and the texture was softer than before." The authors need to come up with a Figure title governing the panels.

Answer: Yes, I agree with your comments and make the corresponding modifications.

(5) "Figure 6. After 2 months, the local mass was significantly reduced." The authors need to come up with a Figure title governing the panels.

Answer: Yes, I agree with your comments and make the corresponding modifications.

(6) "Figure 8. On November 23, 2019, the right breast did not touch the mass." The authors need to come up with a Figure title governing the panels.

Answer: Yes, I agree with your comments and make the corresponding modifications.

(7) Page 8: "Although anti-tuberculosis drugs are effective for some patients, evidence for the efficacy of these drugs is lacking. The increase in total CD3+ and CD3+CD8+ T lymphocytes suggests that the disease may be related to immunity." The authors should provide the data for The increase in total CD3+ and CD3+CD8+ T lymphocytes. Otherwise, they need to modify the discussion to tighten up onto their data.

Answer: Yes, I agree with your comments. I have added reference to prove the data for the increase in total CD3+ and CD3+CD8+ T lymphocytes.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Sincerely yours,

Xiaohui Sun