

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The current manuscript described a young patient with a history of wet cupping for treatment of hearing loss and tinnitus, causing traumatic injury to the external auditory canal, tympanic membrane, and middle ear. This is the first case report of direct wet cupping on the ear canal. The manuscript is well-written, but there are still some concerns: - Title: I recommend changing the title to: "Wet cupping (Al-hijamah) as a strange cause of ear trauma: A case report" - Abstract: the conclusion of the abstract should be summarized (it is 33 words instead of 20 words) - Core Tips: o needs grammatical edit o It is more than 100 words - Introduction: the strategy of the literature review and search terms are missing - Case presentation: o History of present illness: please explain the patient's symptoms: what do you mean by sudden hearing loss? How long does it take to establish? What were the features of tinnitus (pulsatile or non-pulsatile, ..)? Does he suffer from aural fullness? Vertigo? Otorrhea? o Do the symptoms deteriorate after Al-hijamah? Does the patient experience otorrhagia? o Was there any bruising on the auricle or post-auricular region? o Audiological tests: Please describe the features of hearing loss, such as the air-bone



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gap. Please add the image of the tympanogram and some features like external canal volume. o It is better to use “hearing loss” instead of deafness o The diagnosis of the present illness of the patient was the traumatic external and middle ear injury added to a secretory otitis media, in my opinion o Treatment: please name the decongestants used, dosage, and duration - Discussion: Please add the limitations of the study - The patient’s consent discloses the patient’s identifiers (name)

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I request that the author(s) work on the following changes to the paper: 1- The title of the article should be changed to more accurately reflect its purpose. 2- The abstract section of the study is not written in the standard way; please revise and correct this section completely. 3- The second paragraph of the study's Introduction section should be devoted to highlighting the current research topic's knowledge gap, as well as evidence of the importance of the case report for which this paper was designed. 4- What is the current's research problem that author(s) are attempting to solve? This question should be addressed in the final paragraph of the current study's introduction section. 5- I noticed that the case presentation section has a lot of subheadings. I hope the author(s) will work on removing these subheadings and writing the case presentation section more coherently so that the link between the information within these subheadings occurs automatically and logically. 6- In the discussion section, I couldn't find an answer to my question about the current study's strengths and weaknesses. I hope the author(s) will work on including a text containing an answer to this question in the final paragraph of the discussion section, as well as highlighting the



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current case report's future directions. 7- Rephrasing the conclusion in a more concise manner is a positive step that should be pursued. 8- There are references in the study that are now more than five years old and need to be updated to reflect the most recent findings. 9- Figures 1 and 2 each include a text box on the bottom right detailing the interests of a third party. Naturally, this makes me wonder if the authors of the current study own these two photos or if they were provided by a third party. Expound if I'm wrong. If there are any third-party ownership rights, do the author(s) have a letter waiving those rights? //--Good Luck--//

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I would like to thank the author for performing the revision. Any changes in the main manuscript should be highlighted, but the author did not highlight them in the text, unfortunately. There are still some issues left: - There are still some grammatical errors in the Core tip, such as: "27-years-old", "...who treated ...", etc. - The word "deafness" was used to mention the patient's conductive hearing loss, several times in the text (abstract, core tip, introduction, case presentation, and figure's caption), which is not correct. Based on the WHO classification (<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/deafness-and-hearing-loss>), deafness is used for severe to profound hearing loss, which is not relevant to the hearing loss of the mentioned patient. - Based on the journal's guidelines, the introduction of the case reports should include the strategy of the literature review and search terms. Which I could not find it in the text, again. - In the "Audiological tests" segment: use "gap" instead of "gab" - Still, I could not find the limitations of the study in the discussion

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I'd like to draw your attention to the following: Yes, I found a file titled [82948-Answering-Reviewers-revision.docx] that answers the reviewers' directives for the research team in the paper, but the other file titled [82948_Auto_Edited.docx] doesn't explain what was done. I hope the author(s) would highlight the paper's revisions in "yellow color" or "add comments" on the Word file [82948_Auto_Edited.docx] to make follow-up easier to follow up on actually added edits. //Good Luck//