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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

**Title** The infection is due to candida, therefore it is better to mention in the title as candidiasis instead of fungal infection: (Candidal periprosthetic joint infection....)

**Abstract** The abstract is too long that should be reduced with inclusion only significant information. **INTRODUCTION** The last paragraph in the Introduction should include

only the aim of case report while most other information should transmitted to case presentation. The following statements should be removed from the last part of the Introduction: (The case was treated with prosthesis removal, two-stage debridement and

bone cement spacer and finally knee arthrodesis. The antifungal drugs were used for 3 months after the second debridement surgery. The intertrochanteric fracture was fixed with Proximal Femoral Nail Anterotation (PFNA) internal fixation during the antifungal period.) **CASE PRESENTATION** "a sinus effusion" should be corrected into "a sinus

discharge" There is no information in regard to first and second knee aspiration after three months following TKA. There should be details about the investigations that have been performed on knee aspirates. Before proceeding to treatment section, identification of the causative agent has to be mentioned comprehensively. **DISCUSSION** The following

statement is required modification: "Currently, the etiology of fungal infection remains unclear" should be changed into "Currently, the trigger of fungal infection remains unclear". The following declaration is inappropriate because the accidental fracture is unrelated to knee fungal infection: "To the best of our knowledge, there are no reports of cases with fungal PJI combined with an ipsilateral intertrochanteric fracture."

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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There is no response about the following my previous concern: "Before proceeding to treatment section, identification of the causative agent (Candida parapsilosis) has to be mentioned comprehensively." Candida parapsilosis was mentioned only in the abstract and treatment sections. It should be mentioned in laboratory examinations in details.