## Point-by-point response to reviewers

Manuscript NO.: 75547, Case Report

<u>Title:</u> Incidental Diagnosis of Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma due to Persistently Elevated Procalcitonin in a Patient with COVID-19 Pneumonia: A Case Report and Literature Review

Journal: World Journal of Clinical Cases

Reviewer #1:

<u>Issue:</u> The structure of the manuscript is not complete with absence of an abstract.

Solution: Abstract has now been included in the article body.

<u>Issue:</u> The language needs polishing.

<u>Solution:</u> The language editing has now been performed by professional editors at Editage as recommended by the journal.

## Reviewer #2:

<u>Issue:</u> Introduction is devoid of referencing in many places. <u>Solution:</u> References 1-5 have been added in the introduction including the information quoted by the reviewer.

<u>Issue:</u> The discussion is also devoid of references where required. <u>Solution:</u> References 12 and 13 have been added in the discussion including the sentence quoted by the reviewer.

<u>Issue:</u> Please provide normal ranges of laboratory tests mentioned. <u>Solution:</u> All normal laboratory ranges have been added to the text as well as below table 1.

<u>Issue:</u> Please provide full-length names of abbreviations before the first use. <u>Solution:</u> This has been thoroughly checked and appropriate changes made to the manuscript.

<u>Issue:</u> At the end authors mention "This is the first report from Asia". Although this may be true, however, there might be some other reports as 100 percent literature review of millions of articles out there is not practical. Hence, I suggest they tone it down by adding "to the best of our knowledge". <u>Solution:</u> This has been changed as suggested in the manuscript.

<u>Issue:</u> English language still needs some polishing. <u>Solution:</u> The language editing has now been performed by professional editors at Editage as recommended by the journal.