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Dear Editor,

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Title: Gas-forming liver abscess associated with rapid hemolysis in a diabetic patient

A case report and review of the literature

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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 reviewers.

For reviewer 002445854

(1) New cases reports from countries other than Japan have been collected. To avoid duplication with the report by van Bunderen et al., we have searched PubMed for papers published since 2010. We could add 20 new cases. As a result, numbers of patients who died or had specific complications have been updated.

(2) Hemoperfusion using polymyxin B-immobilized fiber column (PMX-F) is used not only in Japan but also in Italy. We added explanation stating that PMX-F is not used in Japan only. Unfortunately, we could not find case reports that used PMX-F for treatment of *Clostridium perfringens* septicemia outside Japan. Recently, a favorable meta-analysis about effectiveness of PMX-F for severe sepsis is published in China (ref 43).

(3) We added references for endophthalmitis caused by *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (ref 51) and about the structure of α -toxin (ref 44).

For reviewer 00225280

(4) We changed discussion into paragraphs describing clinical presentation, mechanism of hemolysis, methods for early diagnosis, antibiotics selection, possibly beneficial methods not yet established (PMX-F, Ca^{++} antagonist, vaccination) and the

frequency of *Clostridium perfringens* infection.

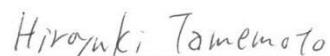
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(5) We asked correction of English of our manuscript for an English language editing company (American Journal Experts).

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Diabetes*.

Sincerely yours,

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