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

This is a good case report for periprosthetic infections with brucella species are rare in nonendemic countries. So it is recommended that clinicians should consider brucellosis as a possible cause of difficult to treatment periprosthetic infection in patients originating from endemic countries. Meanwhile, I also regard that it is debatable whether the real cause of knee pain eventually leading to TKA in 2015 was chronic osteoarticular brucellosis rather than osteoarthritis.

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This case report presented the case of a 68-year-old Afghan woman with a periprosthetic knee infection caused by *Brucella melitensis*. There are some typos in the manuscript which need to be corrected. Also, the format of the manuscript should be adjusted to meet the requirements of the journal.