

Dear editors,

This article has been modified in response to commenters' requests. Now, we are answering these questions point to point.

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors:

Title: Mention study design

Abstract: Please describe the outcome of the study. The abstract is very generalized.

Thank you for this comment. We have revised the abstract accordingly.

Intro: Reasonably well explained. Can be longer

Thank you for this comment. We have revised the introduction accordingly.

Methods: Needs to be substantially elaborated. Inclusion and exclusion criteria if any, consecutive patients, follow-up if any, duration of study etc. need to be added

Thank you for this feedback. We have revised the introduction accordingly.

Inclusion criteria: Thank you for this feedback. We have revised it. Both are based on annular granuloma confirmed by clinical and pathological examination and less than 18 years old. This was previously mentioned in the methods section.

consecutive patients, follow-up if any, duration of study: Thank you for this feedback. We have revised the manuscript to include these details.

Results: Demographic details of patients may be added Can additional details regarding the clinical presentation and management be added?

Thank you for this comment. We have revised the results accordingly.

Discussion: Additional details and references on current literature evidence can be added

Thank you for this comment. We have revised the results accordingly.

Reviewer #2:

Specific Comments to Authors:

Medical English is not good. Please, check it again.

Thank you for this comment. We have had the entire manuscript edited by a professional editing company and have attached the editing certificate with this response letter.

The abstract should be increased; with the methods and verbs of the results to be written in the past. There is also a deficiency in the Introduction.

Thank you for this comment. We have revised these sections accordingly.

Methods: Please, add a reference for methods of processing the tissues and for grades. This reference is suggested for tissue processing for light microscopy: Hegazy R, Hegazy A. Hegazy' simplified method of tissue processing (consuming less time and chemicals). Ann. Int. Med. Dent. Res. 2015;1(2):57-61.

Thank you for your feedback. In this study, the data of children with annular granuloma who were both pathologically and clinically diagnosed and younger than 18 years old in our hospital during 2017-2022 were collected and analyzed, including general clinical information, specimen wax blocks, and existing pathological stain sheets. The telephone follow-up for imperfect information is

perfect, and the pathological staining is imperfect. The pathological staining methods used are all traditional staining methods with little innovation. The process strictly followed the quality control requirements of the hospital. Therefore, we did not elaborate on the preparation methods of these pathological sections in this paper. I hope you can get the editor's understanding.

The classification of the degree of elastic fiber dissolution was a semi-quantitative judgment made jointly by two pathologists.

Results: There are no gross features appearing in the figures. Please, add at least one figure. Please, add in the legends of figures the following: Magnification and type of the stain at the end of legend. Also, add symbols within the photographs; and clarify them in legends of figures.

Thank you for this comment. We have revised the figures accordingly.

Please let us know if you have answered yet.

Thank you!

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