

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

Manuscript NO: 84967

Title: Superior laryngeal nerve block for treatment of throat pain and cough following laryngeal herpes zoster: A case report

Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

Peer-review model: Single blind

Reviewer's code: 00526025

Position: Editorial Board

Academic degree: MD, PhD

Professional title: Professor

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Japan

Author's Country/Territory: South Korea

Manuscript submission date: 2023-04-06

Reviewer chosen by: AI Technique

Reviewer accepted review: 2023-04-20 07:07

Reviewer performed review: 2023-04-22 23:51

Review time: 2 Days and 16 Hours

Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

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

The authors reported a patient with laryngeal herpes zoster that caused persistent throat pain and cough. The persistent pain and cough disappeared after superior laryngeal nerve block, under ultrasonographic guidance. The report is valuable for physicians who are devoted to pain treatment; however, I have several comments to improve the report. Figure 1 needs which side is left of the larynx. When was the photo taken after the onset of herpes zoster? Did you measure antibody titers to varicella-zoster virus after the onset of pain and cough? How severe was the cough? Was it continual or sporadic? The patient received pregabalin 150 mg, tramadol 100 mg, and nortriptyline 10 mg a day for two months, without changing the doses of medications. Why were the doses of medications not increased for two months even the patient had moderate pain? Since nerve block is invasive treatment, recommended first line of treatment for the patient is to increase the doses of medications, even the duration of postherpetic neuralgia was around two months. Why did you choose nerve block for the treatment of the patient? I would like to recommend that the sentence "Consent for publication of this case report was obtained from the patient." be stated immediately after "CASE PRESENTATION."



**Baishideng
Publishing
Group**

7041 Koll Center Parkway, Suite
160, Pleasanton, CA 94566, USA
Telephone: +1-925-399-1568
E-mail: bpgoffice@wjgnet.com
<https://www.wjgnet.com>

Discussion Page 8, lines 4-3 from the bottom of the discussion: You cited references 1, 10, and 11; however, these reports were clinical ones. They did not study mechanisms of post-herpetic neuralgia. I do not think citation of these reports is correct. END

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

Manuscript NO: 84967

Title: Superior laryngeal nerve block for treatment of throat pain and cough following laryngeal herpes zoster: A case report

Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

Peer-review model: Single blind

Reviewer's code: 04163365

Position: Peer Reviewer

Academic degree: PhD

Professional title: Associate Professor

Reviewer's Country/Territory: Egypt

Author's Country/Territory: South Korea

Manuscript submission date: 2023-04-06

Reviewer chosen by: Geng-Long Liu

Reviewer accepted review: 2023-05-03 18:00

Reviewer performed review: 2023-05-07 16:41

Review time: 3 Days and 22 Hours

Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

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

The title reflects the main subject of the manuscript. The abstract summarizes adequately the work described in the manuscript. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript. The manuscript needs more elaboration to adequately describe the background and significance of the study. The methods section describes the procedure done in the study. "Chest radiograph" needs to be removed from under the laboratory investigations section. Some more details of the drugs and US device used should be provided. Adding a figure for the injection technique and point of insertion is recommended, it would add a value to clinicians reading the manuscript. The results of the study seem to add a simple solution to a severe and rare problem away from routine medications. The discussion is well written. The CARE checklist has been followed.