

Dear editor,

Thank you for the comments regarding our manuscript. We are grateful for the opportunity to revise the manuscript further to address the remaining issues raised by the editorial office and the reviewers, as detailed below:

**1. What conservative therapy was applied to the 1st patient? How were the symptoms managed? Is there an alternative therapy for HO to remove the ectopic tissue calcification other than surgery?**

We applied non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to control the pain below the incisional area, and the pain alleviated gradually 2 weeks later. We have reviewed the literature and found no other effective therapy for ectopic tissue calcification except surgery. We have clarified the conservative therapy in the manuscript (page 3, line 104).

**2. The introduction to this case report needs further elaboration. If I may suggest, the 1st paragraph of the discussion should be included in the introduction instead of the discussion section.**

We have revised the manuscript by moving the first paragraph of the discussion to the introduction section, as suggested.

**3. Perhaps the term “case series” or “a report of two cases” is more suitable for this report since there’s more than 1 case of HO reported. Best of luck on your submission.**

We have revised the title, as suggested.

We wish again to thank the reviewers for their contributions to improving this manuscript.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr. Yanlei Wang  
on behalf of the co-authors