

Dear Editor/Reviewers:

We thank the editor and reviewers of the *World Journal of Clinical Cases* for taking their time to review our article. We have made some corrections in the manuscript in accordance with the reviewers' comments. The changes are summarized below along with our point-by-point responses.

Comments and answer:

1. Reviewer #1:

The authors reported an interesting case of minimally invasive management of a cervical facet cyst in an elderly patient. The paper is well-written and informative. The patient was followed-up appropriately and the outcomes are reported objectively. I believe that this manuscript is publishable, but requires some minor revisions. I only have three comments.

- 1) Please add a brief explanation about the mechanism of action of the epidural injection of triamcinolone and lidocaine.

Answer: We sincerely appreciate your suggestion. We have added a brief explanation on the mechanism of action of local anesthetics and corticosteroids in epidural block. In an epidural block, local anesthetics are injected to block sensory signals. The effectiveness of local anesthetics for chronic pain is based on their anti-inflammatory actions and the alteration of multiple pathophysiological mechanisms. Moreover, corticosteroids are typically combined with local anesthetics with the hope of prolonging the duration of pain relief. Corticosteroids in epidural block have been postulated to reduce inflammation either by inhibiting the synthesis or release of a number of proinflammatory substances or by causing a reversible local anesthetic effect.

- 2) Please either state that the laboratory examinations were all normal, report the significant findings briefly, or simply erase the heading. I would not recommend leaving an empty section just because you have nothing important to report.

Answer: Laboratory examinations did not show any abnormalities. According to your comment, we have included this information in the main text.

- 3) In the second line of the treatment paragraph, please correct the word "wary" to "worried".

Answer: We appreciate your comment and have accordingly revised this word in the main text.

2. Reviewer #2:

- 1) The article describes a case of a 70-year-old man was diagnosed with symptomatic cervical facet cyst at the left C7/T1 facet joint. Fluoroscopy-guided cervical interlaminar epidural block at the C7/T1 level with 20 mg triamcinolone and 5 mL of 0.5% lidocaine was administered. The patient's symptoms improved immediately after the block, with an NRS score of 3 points. After 3 months, his left posterior neck pain and tingling along the left C8 dermatome were relieved. There is no question about it.

Answer: We sincerely appreciate your comment.

We hope the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*. We thank you once again for the constructive review of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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