

Dear editor:

We feel great thanks for your professional review work on our article. As you are concerned, there are several problems that need to be addressed.

According to your nice suggestions, we have made extensive corrections to our previous draft, the detailed corrections are listed below.

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1. The authors did not clarify the cause of delay of lumbar CT and MRI examination till ... (The patient still had persistent pain in the waist, which gradually extended to the left thigh. ).

In lines 153-156 of the article, it is stated" In this reported case, a delayed diagnosis was made, since the initial diagnosis by physicians in the Department of Nephrology was only based on the B-Ultrasound for urinary system and blood culture, combining a difficulty in distinguishing lumbar percussion pain from bilateral renal percussion pain."

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1. Please include in the introduction more details on the etiology of Pyogenic spondylitis, PMID: 34216118

P2,58-60 'Antibiotic treatment of septic spondylitis is a long-term process, and identification of the pathogenic microorganism by blood culture, tissue culture and nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) is crucial' was added, and cited the literature (PMID:34216118).

2. References should be separated from the words

As suggested by the reviewer, We have separated the references from the words.

3. Lines 80-81, for the white blood (neutrophils and lymphocytes) cell count at admission, authors are kindly encouraged to cite the following article that details the count methods (PMID: 33858475)

We cited the relevant literature (PMID:33858475) and modified the leukocyte counting method.

4. I discourage the use of subhead titles in the discussion. In addition, several statements included in the discussion seem to better belong to a "results" section. We removed the subhead titles from the discussion. We put the sentences ' Blood, urine, sputum and throat swab culture should be managed at the same time to identify the source of infection ' from the discussion (p6,203-204) into the conclusion (P9,316-317).

5. Lines 138-140 please include references

As suggested by the reviewer, we cite the relevant literatures. (PMID: 29285911).

6. Authors are kindly encouraged to include a couple of conclusive sentences at the end of the discussion

We have included a couple of conclusive sentences in the conclusion(P9,299-302). " for patients suspected of PS, early diagnosis is essential. Once the results of bacteria culture have been identified, the corresponding antibiotics should be initiated for the treatment. It should be noted that active surgery for PS may improve the prognosis."

7. The quality of the figures should be improved. Moreover, several words in the panels are difficult to read. Please enlarge the size of the words

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