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**Dear Editor, Dear Reviewers,**

please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: 80964\_Auto\_Edited.docx).

**Title:** Periprosthetic knee joint infection caused by *Brucella melitensis*. Which was first - osteoarticular brucellosis or osteoarthritis? A case report

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Thank you very much for your feedback which gave us the possibility to revise our manuscript. We hope that the revised version will fulfill the requirements for publication in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

**Reply to the editorial comments:**

**Reviewer 1 – ID 06261130:** This case report presented the case of a 68-year-old Afghan woman with a periprosthetic knee infection caused by *Brucella melitensis*. There are some typos in the manuscript which need to be corrected. Also, the format of the manuscript should be adjusted to meet the requirements of the journal.

**Answer:** Typos were corrected by the authors and the manuscript was sent to “American Manuscript Editors” for editing for proper English language, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Please find the certificate attached. The format of the manuscript was adjusted.

**Reviewer 2 –06340759:** This is a good case report for periprosthetic infections with brucella species are rare in nonendemic countries. So it is recommended that clinicians should consider brucellosis as a possible cause of difficult to treatment periprosthetic infection in patients originating from endemic countries. Meanwhile, I also regard that it is debatable whether the real cause of knee pain eventually leading to TKA in 2015 was chronic osteoarticular brucellosis rather than osteoarthritis.

**Answer:** we thank the reviewer for the feedback.

Thank you very much for considering our manuscript for publication!

Yours sincerely,

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