

## **Answers for comments of the reviewers**

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11051-review.doc).

**Title:** AETIOLOGY OF IDIOPATHIC GRANULOMATOUS MASTITIS

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**Name of Journal:** World Journal of Clinical Cases

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) This is a timely review on the aetiology of granulomatous mastitis. The authors present the clinical signs of the disease and discuss current concepts and hypotheses on the etiology of the disease. Several literature examples are cited to support the authors conclusions. The article is well-structured and well-written. The referencing is well-balanced and up-to-date. Comments: \* It would be a good addition to the manuscript if the authors described in their introduction how Idiopathic granulomatous mastitis can be distinguished from breast cancer in clinical practice. \*Table II and Figure 1 are redundant; it would be good if the authors provided a date for the PubMed screening shown in Table II.

**A short paragraph about how the differential diagnosis can be made of IGM with breast cancer was added and highlighted in introduction section.**

**In our opinion, table II and figure 1 make more understandable of the information in this article.**

**PubMed search date was shown at the end of the Table II.**

- (2) This is a well written review on idiopathic granulomatous mastitis. In general the manuscript is very long, particularly the introduction (paragraph 3), and the definition has repeated the aetiology. The Aetiology section is far too long and should be significantly shortened (to about half the length). As the title is Idiopathic GM, many of the aetiological factors were not relevant. Also there was a lack of discussion on the imaging, surgical treatment and pathology of IGM. These should be added in the revision.

**Introduction section was shortened, definition section was reorganized.**

**This manuscript was written in order to collect literature data about only aetiology of idiopathic granulomatous mastitis. Therefore, it contain a long aetiology section, and does not include information about imaging, surgical treatment and pathology. We request this article reevaluation with this perspective.**

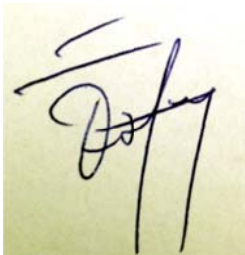
(3) The authors present a well-written, updated review of idiopathic granulomatous mastitis (IGM). They also present critically data regarding the aetiology of IGM.

**Many thanks.**

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light yellow background. The signature is stylized, starting with a horizontal line, followed by a loop, and ending with a long vertical stroke.

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