

December 7, 2016

Dear Editor,

On behalf of my co-authors and I, we would like to thank you for reviewing our case report, details of which are as shown below:

**Title:** Rapunzel syndrome is not just a mere surgical problem: A case report and review of current management

**Authors:** Obinna Obinwa, David Cooper, Faraz Khan, James M O'Riordan

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

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 30163

The authors have carefully considered all the points raised by the reviewers and we have given our replies to each comment and amended the manuscript accordingly. Revision has also been made according to the guidelines and requirements for manuscript revision.

- (a) An audio core tip is added (file name: 30163 – Audio core tip)
- (b) The final title of the manuscript has been subjected to Google Scholar search with screenshots of the results attached as required (file name: 30163-Google Scholar.doc)
- (c) Files related to academic rules and norms have been submitted (file names: 30163-Institutional review board statement.pdf, 30163-Informed consent statement.pdf and 30163-Conflict-of-interest statement.pdf)
- (d) A Copyright Assignment form has been completed and signed by all authors (file name: 30163-Copyright assignment.pdf)
- (e) The language of the manuscript has been revised and all references and typesetting have been corrected.

Please also find enclosed our replies to reviewers comment in Word format (file name: 30163-Answering reviewers), our edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 30163 – Revised manuscript.doc) with changes highlighted and the clean unmarked manuscript (file name: 30163 – Revised manuscript\_untracked.doc).

We thank you in advance for the opportunity of publishing our work in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases* and we look forward to hearing back from you in due course. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely,



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## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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

**ESPS manuscript NO:** 30163

**Title:** Rapunzel syndrome is not just a mere surgical problem: A case report and review of current management.

**Reviewer's code:** 02445558

**Reviewer's country:** United Kingdom

**Science editor:** Fang-Fang Ji

**Date sent for review:** 2016-09-19 09:31

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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		<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	
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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a case report and review of the literature in a very specific topic. No much is added to the current literature and somehow it would be perhaps if greater interest to a psychiatric reader than to the surgical community. However, it is well written and structured.

**AUTHORS RESPONSE:** Thank you.

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

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**Title:** Rapunzel syndrome is not just a mere surgical problem: A case report and review of current management.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have reported that this case is relevant as it clearly describes important clinical lessons learned from the psychological and surgical management of a case of recurrent Rapunzel syndrome. Rapunzel syndrome represents the longest interval between initial treatment and presentation with relapse of the condition. The key message is that although surgery is the initial treatment, a comprehensive and long-term postoperative psychiatric follow-up is needed in patients. The Latest Reference is used of Houghton DC, Capriotti MR, De Nadai AS et al. (2015) Defining treatment response in trichotillomania. The paper may be compared with some papers already published till Aug2016, as a comparative study and Resubmit.

**AUTHORS RESPONSE:** This case report focuses specifically on recurrent Rapunzel syndrome. Table 1 already compares our findings with that of all previously published studies in PUBMED. However, the references and discussion have been updated, as recommended, to include relevant papers published in 2016.

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**Title:** Rapunzel syndrome is not just a mere surgical problem: A case report and review of current management.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Case report "Rapunzel syndrome is not just a mere surgical problem: a case report and review of current management" is according to my opinion, acceptable for publication. This article is interesting, useful and written on the properly way.

**AUTHORS RESPONSE:** Thank you.

## ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Title:** Rapunzel syndrome is not just a mere surgical problem: A case report and review of current management.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

An interesting case, focusing on surgical as well as psychiatric treatment of Recurrent Rapunzel Syndrome. Albeit a rare condition, the paper provides a thorough review of the literature and adequate advice on the management.

**AUTHORS RESPONSE:** Thank you.