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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. I very much enjoyed reading this well written case report. I also hope there is something to hydrogen therapy. It is important with such a novel treatment to describe what happened, as has been done, but to not state categorically that the results were due to hydrogen.

In the second half of the second paragraph on page 11, we discussed in detail the central role of hydrogen inhalation in the rehabilitation of this patient, please check.

2. On page 10, para 2, it cannot be stated that 'In general, molecular hydrogen...patient'. It is okay to state we did A and B and C happened (metaphorically), but the causal link between A and B and then C could be A, could be B, or could be some unknown factor D that we are not aware of. At present, there is only a temporal connection between Hydrogen and improvement of this patients cancer. The case would be far more



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acceptable if what happened is mentioned, the proposed mechanism, but that the authors cannot confirm the causation, and offer this case report because it may have something important to offer, and that they are encouraged to use this therapy again in similar circumstances. Being cautious will not decrease the interest in this article.

That's a very interesting suggestions, and we accept them all. We changed the expression in the first sentence of the last paragraph.