

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "A borderline form of empty follicle syndrome treated with a novel dual trigger method combined with delayed oocyte retrieval: A case report" (ID: 52921). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in yellow in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer's comments are as flowing:

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer #1:

"A borderline form of empty follicle syndrome treated with a novel dual trigger method combined with delayed oocyte retrieval: A case report" A patient with secondary infertility who had undergone three cycles of assisted reproductive technique in three different reproductive centers is described. The history of illnesses is useful. The authors describe the case, and they discuss it according to the available references. In the discussion, I appreciated the caution of the authors ("indeed, Indeed, the existence of EFS remains controversial "; "However, this study had some limitations: a...") My main remark is about the final diagnostic. The authors write "According to the definition provided in the table, the patient was diagnosed as having a borderline form of EFS." What table? The case is well described, and the authors discuss about the borderline form of empty follicular syndrome. But, in the final diagnostic, there are no specifications about the criteria used for this diagnostic. So, this part needs to be developed for it is the base of the discussion. It would be useful to develop the Legends of tables 1 and 2 which are not very explanatory.

Response: First of all, thank you very much for your valuable comments. We made this diagnosis based on the existing definition of a borderline form of

EFS and the patient's medical history. I have modified it in yellow font in the article. However, at present, the diagnosis of a borderline form of EFS has not completely unified and clear standards, which brings difficulties to our diagnosis.

In addition, I have reviewed the article according to your requirements. There are no other changes except for some minor changes in format and grammar.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. And here we did not list the changes but marked in yellow in revised paper.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Your sincerely

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