

Dear editor

Thank you for your valuable advice and reviewers. We have summarized the answers to the contents of the comments you pointed out. Changes in the text are indicated in red text.

1. Had the patient 1 a postoperative complete wound healing and a disease-free period?

At 2 months after surgery, inflammation such as erythema subsides. After that, the unpleasant pain was improved after 3 months, and after that, the treatment was finished after monthly follow-up for an additional 3 months.

2. Had the patient 2 ever noticed any alteration of the tip of the nose before the abscess formation (like a palpable nodule under the skin surface)?

He presented swelling with induration initially, not a palpable nodule or mass-like lesion on the nasal tip, and was treated diagnosed to cellulitis, but it did not improve and developed into abscess formation.

3. In the Conclusion section it is suggested that PDO thread may cause a severe inflammatory reaction (differently from a non-absorbable one), but how can be compared a patient with an early infection complication with another with a late one? It would be advisable to limit the comments to the facts, maybe proposing some hypothesis but without drawing any conclusion.

Thank you for your valuable advice. I have added what you said where the limitations of this paper are described. In addition, I will modify the content in the direction of proposing a hypothesis rather than establishing a conclusion.

4. It would also be more useful a retrospective case series study to compare the late outcome and complications. I suggest to accept the paper after a minor revision.

I did an extensive literature search on Google Scholar, PubMed for “thread rhinoplasty” and the terms “complication” and “inflammation”. Long J et al. submitted a paper entitled “Analysis on the complications after rhinoplasty by barbed sutures” to the “Chinese Journal of Plastic Surgery” in 2018. In this paper, complications of 21 patients with thread rhinoplasty were presented, but they were not about late complications, and there were limitations in interpretation as they were recorded in Chinese. Papers on delayed complication of thread lifting exist, but no case series about delayed complication of thread rhinoplasty or overall additional complications of thread rhinoplasty can be found.

I thank you in advance for your concern

Sincerely yours

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