

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Dear science editor **Lian-Sheng Ma**

Thank you for the peer review of our manuscript, “Crab lice infestation in unilateral eyelashes and adjacent eyelids: a case report (NO.69574)” for possible publication in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*. We have addressed each question and concern raised by the reviewers and editor in the appended Answers to Reviewers’ Comments and have documented changes in the revised manuscript in the appended letter. We now submit the revised manuscript for consideration for publication in your journal. As a result of this editorial process, the revised manuscript has been greatly enhanced. If you or the reviewers have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for your time and efforts in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Wei Tang, Qian-qian Li.

Answers to Reviewers' Comments

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The article discusses a case of crab lice infestation in unilateral eyelashes and adjacent eyelids. Parasitic eye infection is a rare ocular disease worldwide. Patients infected with crab lice always present with eyelid pain and itching, which are the most common symptoms in all types of eye disease and because the adult crab lice are translucent it is possible for the ophthalmologist to miss them. The article presents a 50-year-old woman with a 2-weeks history of chronic eyelid pain and itching in the right eye, that was previously diagnosed with blepharitis and treated for a week with antibiotics and corticosteroid ointments. The examination under a light microscope revealed the features of crab lice and nits infestation. This case emphasizes the process of correct diagnosis about crab lice infestation. The article concludes that the mechanical removal of crab lice and nits in addition to completely trimming or plucking of the affected eyelashes appears to be a simple, safe and effective method of treatment for crab lice infestation. The title correctly reflects the main subject of the manuscript. The abstract summarizes and reflects the work described. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript. The manuscript adequately describes the background, present status and significance of the study. The findings are stated in a clear and definite manner. The discussions are accurate and clear. The manuscript is well, concisely and coherently organized and presented. The style, language and grammar is accurate and appropriate. The manuscript meets all the requirements for a work of this type. My assessment is that the overall quality of this article is excellent and should be accepted with high priority.

Answer: We are very much encouraged by the mainly positive comments from the reviewers and we appreciate the chance to revise the manuscript.

4.LANGUAGE QUALITY

We had already send our revised manuscript to editing Filipodia Publishing companies, so the revised manuscript will meet the publication requirement (Grade A). Of course, a new language certificate for our manuscript would be uploaded.

5.EDITORIAL OFFICE' S COMMENTS

(1) Science editor:

1)The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Answer: Thank you very much for pointing this issue to us. Following your comments, we had delete the figures in manuscript and provide the original 4 figures using powerpoint.

2) The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions.

Answer: The “Author Contributions” section was between “CONCLUSION” and “References”.

Authorship Contributions

WT designed the study and drafted the manuscript; QL provided this patient, edited pictures under light microscope and revised the manuscript; All authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

(2) Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, the author(s) must provide the English Language Certificate.

Answer: Following the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments, we had already send our revised manuscript to editing Filipodia Publishing companies, the English Language Certificate would be uploaded.

Thank you again for Reviewers’ comments.

With kind regards,

Dr. Wei Tang, Qian-qian Li.