

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for allowing us the opportunity to revise our manuscript entitled "Treatment of Oral lichen planus by Surgical Excision and Acellular dermal matrix Grafting: a case series" (ID: 60146). We appreciated the comments from the reviewer and editor. 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 now revised the paper per the requests of the reviewers and are re-submitting our paper for your consideration. We aimed to adequately address all comments raised by the reviewer and editor. The changes are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript. We hope that the revision is acceptable and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Wen-lin Xiao

Below please find our revisions and response to the editor and reviewer' s comments.

Considerations of the reviewer #1:

Comment 1:

It would be useful specified the type of corticosteroid administrated to the patients (topic or systemic, molecule)

Response:

We thank you for this very constructive suggestion. Patients had received local corticosteroids (0.1% triamcinolone ointment three times daily). According to the advice, we have added relevant contents in the fourth paragraph of History of present illness section, page 6, and added the relevant content about corticosteroids in the second paragraph of Introduction section, page 4-5.

Comment 2:

Is the curcumin classified as a Chinese medicine treatment? If not, what kind of approach does the traditional Chinese medicine suggest for this disease?

Response:

Thanks for your comments. Curcumin is a Chinese herbal extract. It demonstrates antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and anticarcinogenic activities. Curcumin has different effects on various oral diseases. According to Traditional Chinese medicine, OLP is mainly caused by anxiety, dampness, heating and fire, inflammation, Yin blood deficiency, or liver and kidney Yin deficiency. Therefore, the treatment of this disease should be based on the principles of harmonizing liver and spleen, regulating qi-flowing for strengthening spleen, dispersing stagnated liver qi for relieving qi stagnation and clearing heat-fire. According to the advice, we have added relevant content in the Introduction section on pages 5.

Comment 3:

It is recommended to improve the paragraph about local and systemic immunosuppressants (molecules, side effect if reported).

Response:

We thank you for suggestion, according to the advice, we have improved relevant contents in the Introduction section on pages 5.

Comment 4:

The administration modality of tretinoin or ciclosporin in these cohort of patients is not specified (oral rinse? cotton swab? systemic?)

Response:

Thanks for your comments. The administration modality of tretinoin: 0.1% tretinoin ointment 3 times a day. The administration modality of tretinoin or ciclosporin: a mouth rinse with 5 mL of 0.1% ciclosporin gargle 3 times a day. Based on your advice, we have added relevant contents in the fourth paragraph of History of present illness section, page 6.

Comment 5:

Additional information should be provided about the surgical procedure: the length of time that the stiches and the compressive pack stay in place should be specified.

Response:

Thanks for your comments. The stiches and the compressive pack were removed 9 days after surgery. We have added relevant contents in the text according to the advises in the second paragraph of Treatment section, page 8.

Comment 6:

Very important: a summary table with pre and post-operative parameters (pain, mouth opening, healing time, previous relapse time and others) is necessary to better compare the results.

Response:

Thank you for your insightful comment, according to the advice, we have added previous relapse time in Table 1, and the pain, opening degree and healing time in Table 2. Relevant evaluation criteria are added in the third paragraph of Treatment

section, page 8.

Comment 7:

A general improvement of the writing is required for a fluent reading (avoid repetitions).

Response:

Thanks for your comment. According to the advice, we have improved the quality of English and uploaded the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company.

Considerations of the Science editor:

Comment 1:

I found no “Author contribution” section. Please provide the author contributions;

Response:

Thanks for this comment. Based on your advice, we have added relevant contents in page 1.

Comment 2:

I found the authors did not provide the original figures. 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;

Response:

Thanks for your comments, we have arranged the figures using PowerPoint, and uploaded the original figure documents.

Comment 3:

I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout;

Response:

Thank you for your comment, according to the advice, we have added the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

Comment 4:

I found the “Case Presentation” did not meet our requirements. Please re-write the “Case Presentation” section, and add “FINAL DIAGNOSIS” section to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision;

Response:

Thanks for this constructive comment. We have re-written the “Case Presentation” section, and added “FINAL DIAGNOSIS” section in page 6-7.

Comment 5:

Please don't include any *, #, †, §, ‡, ¥, @....in your manuscript;

Response:

Thanks for your comments, we have removed the relevant content in manuscript.

Comment 6:

Please write the “Core Tip” section, and provide an audio core tip file where the core tip content is recorded

Response:

Thanks for your comments, we have written the “Core Tip” section in page 3, and provided an audio core tip file.

Comment 7:

Please confirm the content in the “Conclusion” section, and remove unnecessary contents;

Response:

Thanks for this comment. According to your suggestion, we have made the

modification in the third paragraph of Treatment section, page 10-11.

Comment 8:

Please provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement, and the CARE Checklist-2016.

Response:

Thank you for your advice. According to your suggestion, we have uploaded the corresponding document.