

Dear reviewers,

Thank you very much for your comments and professional advice. These opinions help to improve the academic rigor of our article. Based on your suggestion and request, we have made corrections on the manuscript. Meanwhile, the manuscript has been further polished by language editing services of Editage. We hope that our work will meet with acceptance. The responses to reviewers' comments are as follows:

Reviewer #1:

2. ABSTRACT "Duration for treatment with fluconazole is missing and has to be added."

Response: Duration for fluconazole treatment (1 to 6 months) has been added to CASE SUMMARY.

4. Case Presentation: Full description is provided for this section; however, the following have to be considered: Abbreviations are better to be avoided.

Response: Unnecessary abbreviations have been removed from Case Presentation.

Case 2: dose of IFX has to be mentioned.

Response: Dose of IFX for case 2 (22 doses; 300 mg) has been added to History of present illness.

Case 3: dose of MP has to be mentioned.

Response: Dose of MP for case 3 (0.75 mg/kg) has been added to History of present illness.

Laboratory examinations: Metagenomic sequencing is missing for all cases and has to be added.

Response: Metagenomic sequencing was only performed in case 2, which has been described in the manuscript (Imaging examinations). We are sorry that we didn't perform the test for the other two patients since we believed the pathological examination would suffice for diagnosis. Although etiological diagnosis is the gold standard, cryptococcosis is relatively rare and there are still irregularities in the management of the disease. We hope this article can attract clinicians' attention and provide reference for standardized and accurate diagnosis.

Case 2: CA-125, G test & GM test: significance & indication for each are better to be mentioned. Case 3: significance & indication for each are better to be mentioned.

Significance and indication of the laboratory examination results of case 2 and 3 has been added to DISCUSSION (Paragraph 5).

Tables (1& 2) are informative, but a column for co-morbidity is better to be added for table (2).

A column for comorbidity has been added to Table 2.

Fig (2-A) legend: treatment has to be specified.

Fluconazole treatment has been added to Fig. 2A legend.

Treatment: Case (1): Start of treatment and for how long has better to be mentioned.

Treatment duration has been added for case 1 (6 months) and depicted in Fig. 4A.

Reviewer #2:

2.However, in your figures, you should present more larger fold of HE staining pictures, so as to confirm the infection of the fungus.

A larger fold of HE staining picture has been added (Fig. 1B).

Thank you very much for your attention and time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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