

Peer Review File

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Reviewer A

This is an informative paper which outlines well the challenges faced when managing serious infections such as necrotising fasciitis in a rural or regional hospital.

There are several grammatical errors throughout the paper – some examples are below. There are a number of sentences missing “the” (not all included in these comments), and this should be revised prior to publication so that the paper is easy to read.

Examples:

Page 6, Line 130: The authors should amend this to “peritonsillar abscess”.

Page 9, Line 224: The authors should amend this to “This includes *the* rare nature of”.

Page 9, Line 227: The authors should amend this to “It Is worth keeping in mind *the* potential rise of”.

Page 10, Line 245: “*The* cornerstone of”.

Reply: Thank you for your feedback, above changes have been made as suggested and article has been reviewed again to check for any further grammatical errors

Reviewer B

Overall, a good retrospective case series of NF in rural and regional Australia. Please amend minor corrections listed below:

Please include your aim within the abstract. It’s not clear in your results sections you “identified barriers to diagnosis and treatment” of NF. I would suggest omitting this aspect within your aim or elaborating on this in your results section. The discussion expands on barriers and suggested management which is a clinical inference from your results

Reply: Thank you for your feedback, aim has been amended as suggested

Typo in line 150, should be “debridements”

Reply: Amendment made as suggested

Typo in line 259, should be “patients”

Reply: Amendment made as suggested

Typo in line 261, should be “debridements”

Reply: Amendment made as suggested

Rephrase the start the sentence in line 273

Reply: We have reparsed the sentence as suggested – please see line 273