

**Letters in Response to the Previously Published Articles****Author reply**

Sir,

The patient had undergone curettage for the initial lesion as well as skin grafting. When the patient reported to our college with swelling, we had carried out an extensive list of diagnostic tests on him, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis tests due to his previous reports of noma.

The patient was HIV negative. This kind of immunological deficit could also be seen in severe malnutrition or due to postsurgical complication.

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