Author's response to reviews

Title: Pseudo-aneurysm of the anterior tibial artery, a rare cause of ankle swelling following sports injury.

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Dear Sirs,

Re: 'Pseudo-aneurysm of the anterior tibial artery, a rare cause of ankle swelling following sports injury.'

Thank you for your helpful review and comments regarding this paper. Given the comments requiring revision, I include details of how these comments have been addressed.

Referee 1 – Stephen H Boyce

1. Duplication of a sentence removed from discussion to avoid repetition with background.

2. A reference for the first sentence of the background (“Ankle pain and swelling...”) has now been included.

Referee 2 – Robert Lusby

1. We appreciate the reviewers’ comments that the percutaneous injection of Thrombin is an area that has not been fully evaluated, however in our country this has been established as an acceptable treatment for pseudoaneurysms in other regions after full informed consent has been obtained, taking into consideration the important associated risks. I have now included a statement verifying that informed consent was obtained, as well as details in the discussion relating to the potential risks and detrimental effects of failed treatment. I hope this will address the reviewers concerns.

2. I have changed the term “radiologically guided compression” to “ultrasound guided compression” for clarity as to this potential method of treatment in the discussion.

3. I have further highlighted the potential detrimental effects of the injection of Thrombin in the discussion and in the conclusion.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course, and if further information is required would be happy to attempt to provide this for you,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Conor Marron