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Title: Supracubital perineurioma misdiagnosed as carpal tunnel syndrome: a case report

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you very much for your e-mail from October 29th.

We would like to address the points raised by the referee as follows:

Referee: “Delete the word post-traumatic from the title.”
“Postraumatic” was deleted from title as suggested.

Referee: “Also, there needs to be a description of the what was found in surgery - did the tumor shell out, did it involve a fascicle, and that is why there is a remaining deficit? Was a nerve gap created and was it grafted? Did they do intraneural dissections?”

We agree with this comment. We added a description of the surgical procedure and a description of histological findings as far as given in the surgical and histopathological report. A sentence was added as follows (page 4, line 14-17):

“Surgical resection of a 7 cm long segment of the median nerve with the tumorous lesion and replacement with a sural nerve graft was undertaken. Resection was necessary because of severe involvement of fascicles without any possibility to separate the tumour from the median nerve by micro-surgery.”

The beginning of the following sentence was deleted:
“After surgical resection of the fusiform mass....”

We hope that this satisfactorily answers the comments of the referee and look forward to your reply with interest.

Yours sincerely

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