Author's response to reviews

Title: Ligamentous rupture of the ACL associated with dislocated fracture of the proximal tibial physis in a 12-year-old boy

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PDF covering letter
Dear Publisher:

We would like to resubmit our case report with the title “Ligamentous rupture of the ACL associated with dislocated fracture of the proximal tibial physis in a 12-year-old boy” to be considered for publication in BioMed Online ‘BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders’.

We greatly appreciated the comments of the reviewer and believe they are concerned with important points of our manuscript. We have made following changes following the suggestions of Dr. Yoshino:

#1 We included passages about blood works and history of the patient. We believe special hormonal studies were not warranted in this case. The boy was indeed overweight, which was the habitus of his whole family but, however, not extremely obese. His development was normal along the 97th percentile. Now well in his puberty, he has grown taller and has lost most of his excess body weight.

#2 We included radiographs after reduction, 4 weeks after reduction and 1 year follow-up. There are now 10 figures attached to this manuscript.

#3 The reviewer is totally correct about the leg-length discrepancy. We have clarified this point in the manuscript and added a reference. It is very common that leg-length differences in children are accidentally detected at the time of an injury. Idiopathic leg-length discrepancies are a frequent finding in children (up to 75%) and unrelated to the previous trauma in most cases.

The authors certify that the article is original, that it is not under consideration by another journal, and that this material has not been previously published.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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