Author's response to reviews

Title: Complex Pediatric Elbow Injury: An Uncommon Case

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Dear Editor

Please find enclosed the revised paper on Complex Pediatric Elbow Injury: An Uncommon Case (Manuscript Id 9785186785253119).

Here is the list of reviewer’s comments, which are taken into account while revising the manuscript.

- Only case 1 has been reported with a relevant review of literature.

- Case 2, 3 and 4 have been removed.

- We agree with the reviewer that this injury has not been well-described in children. We found only a few cases described previously. These previously reported cases are appropriately discussed in the text.

- We are in complete agreement with the reviewer that elbow dislocation and medial epicondyle fracture is well-described in children, but not elbow dislocation and lateral condyle fracture. Lateral condyle or epicondyle fracture may represent variations of lateral collateral ligament injury. We would like to confirm here that case 1 had an elbow dislocation variant with lateral condyle fracture instead of avulsion or intrasubstance tear.
of lateral collateral ligament complex. This statement is mentioned in the text and supported with evidence.

- We agree with the reviewer for their comment on traumatic elbow instability in adults that the focus has been changed more recently from medial to lateral collateral ligament. Unlike in adults, it is difficult to say whether lateral collateral ligament is a major elbow stabilizer and predominantly responsible for acute recurrent and chronic recurrent dislocations. This statement is mentioned in the text and supported with evidence.

- The spelling/grammatical errors have been corrected throughout the paper.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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