Author's response to reviews

Title: Partial Segmental Thrombosis of the Corpus Cavernosum (PSTCC) diagnosed by Contrast-enhanced Ultrasound: A Case Report

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Dear Editors,

The attached files include our revised manuscript with the title “Partial segmental thrombosis of the Corpus Cavernosum (PSTCC): The diagnostic value of Contrast-enhanced Ultrasound.”

All issues of both reviewers have been processed. You will find the changes marked with “tracked changes”. In the following we provide you a point by point description of our major and minor revisions.

Reviewer 1:

1. Previously suspected risk factors (masturbation, airplane flight, marijuana, cocaine) have been added

2. We did not perform follow-up imaging as the patient was without pain after conservative treatment

3. The varicocele ligature was removed as potential risk for PSTCC in the Abstract, Discussion and Conclusion section.

4. “massive” has been removed in the Abstract and Background Section.

5. The citation Lewis et al. was removed at this spot.

6. The citation Goeman et al. was removed at this spot.

7. “typically” has been removed from 1st Background paragraph.

8. 1st Background paragraph; adapted to “PSTCC is characterized by thrombosis that most often is unilateral”
9. Abstract 1st paragraph; “in most cases” was removed to avoid misleading understanding.

11. For better transition from the section about diagnostics to the section about treatment the term “Conservative treatment was initiated and consisted of” was added.

12. “Although” instead of “Also” in the Abstract, 1st paragraph.

13. “is” instead of “are” in the Abstract, 1st paragraph.

14. “for diagnosing this condition” instead of “usually used for diagnosis”, Abstract, 1st paragraph.

15. “This report describes” instead of “ This work reports” in Background, 1st paragraph.

16. Case presentation section, 1st paragraph; changed sentence to: “His medical history was non-contributory except a left-sided varicocele ligature performed six years ago.”

17. used same syntaxes concerning hypoechogenic and hypointense.

18. “is” instead of “are” in Discussion 2nd paragraph.

20. “cocaine” now spelled correctly

21. “At that time” instead of “At this time”.

22. New phrase added: “PSTCC is a rare condition that predominantly occurs in young men.”

23. New phrase added: “CEUS may be of diagnostic benefit if one suspects PSTCC”.

24. “No sexual trauma” instead of “no (sexual) trauma”
Reviewer 2:

3. MRI added to keywords

We hope all points of the reviewers are adequate revised. Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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