Author's response to reviews

Title: Penetrating injury of hand with door handle. A case report.

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To  
The Editor  
Journal of Medical Case Reports.  

Dear Sir,  

Many thanks for informing about the reviewers comments on our article. We have modified the article as suggested by the reviewers.  

Reviewer 1  

1. This case is unusual. However, I do not feel the report relays a useful message. The article has been revised to add emphasis on the principles of management of penetrating injuries of hand.  

Reviewer 2  

1. The door on the images provided is though blunt but quite sharper at one end and in present case it looks like that this relatively sharper free end of the door handle would had penetrated the hand of the patient. Please modify the title. Title modified as suggested - Penetrating injury of hand with door handle. A case report.  

2. Introduction - We describe an unusual penetrating injury of hand caused by a blunt object such as door handle. Please modify accordingly. Modified as suggested - We describe an unusual penetrating injury of hand caused by a door handle.  

3. We cite an unusual injury where a door handle was found completely embedded into the hand. Modified as suggested - We report an unusual injury where a door handle was found completely embedded into the hand.  

4. Please provide the details of the local examination i.e. color of the fingers, capillary filling time and whether the Doppler study was performed. Information added as suggested - The capillary refill time was less then 2 seconds and the fingers showed no discoloration.  

5. There was minimal bleeding from the wounds at the wounds. Corrected as suggested - There was minimal bleeding from the wound.
6. Appropriate clinical photographs may not be appropriate to include in appropriate clinical assessment.
Modified as suggested - The patient was immediately taken to theatre after preliminary assessment. Clinical photographs [Figure 1] and radiographs [Figure 2] were taken preoperatively.

7. If possible please provide both AP and lateral views of the x-ray
Any follow up clinical photograph
Lateral view of the X-ray added.
8. We need to elaborate the discussion with references to include the management principles of penetrating hand injuries.
Discussion expanded.

9. Though in discussion the authors have quoted the use of tourniquet whether they used in present case is not clear
Information added - A tourniquet was used at appropriate pressure to aid the procedure.

10. Whether there were any associated injuries
Information added - There were no other associated injuries apart from the hand injury.

I would appreciate on behalf of all the authors if you can consider this revised article for publication in your esteemed journal.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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