Author's response to reviews

Title: Combined maxillomandibular swing approach and neurosurgical ultrasonic aspirator for extensive Clival chordoma: a case report.

Authors:

Shahid Hassan (shahid@kb.usm.my)
Jafri M Abdullah (neurosains@kck.usm.my)
Shah Jihan Wan Din (wsjihan@kb.usm.my)
Zamzuri Idris (zamzuri@kb.usm.my)

Version: 4 Date: 22 October 2007

Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Editor,

As recommended by one of the reviewer, we made a few changes accordingly:

1. Introduction page 3 lines 3-4: The sentence has been rewritten and reference is added.
2. Introduction page 4 lines 1-2: The sentence has been modified and reference is added.
3. Introduction page 4 lines 3-5: The sentences have been rewritten and references are added.
4. Case presentation page 5 line 7: a verb is added.
5. Case presentation page 6 lines 6-7, now become page 6 line 8-9: rephrases to “which is typically used in”
6. Discussion page 7 line 2: changed as suggested to ‘derive’
7. Discussion page 7 lines 4-5: sentence is rephrased and reference is added.
8. Discussion page 7 lines 7-9 now become page 8 lines 1-2: Sentence is rewritten and reference added.
9. Discussion page 8 lines 2-5 now become page 8 lines 5-7: sentence rephrase and reference is added.
10. Discussion page 8 lines 4-6 now become page 8 lines 7-9: word palliative is removed and reference added.
11. Discussion page 8 lines 7-8 now become page 8 line 10: sentence rephrased.
12. Discussion page 8 lines 8-10 now become line 11-13: no reference added as we thought these structure are vital and during surgery any surgeon should be cautious when dealing near these structures.
13. Discussion page 8 line 14 now become page 9 line 3: changed to ‘is its ability’.
14. The abbreviation used is spell out at first use.
15. Brand name is referred as required.

Thank you, we are looking forward for the publication.

Yours truly,

Dr Shah Jihan Wan Din