**Author's response to reviews**

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To: “JMCR Editorial Team”

Dear “JMCR Editorial Team”

We would like to thank you for reviewing our manuscript MS: 8635519620243372 entitled “Electrical wire as a foreign body in a male urethra: a case report”, submitted for publication to the Journal of Medical Cases Reports.

We would also like to thank your reviewers for their interesting and helpful comments. We tried to respond to their comments and revise our manuscript accordingly. You can find below a list of our revisions and answers to these comments.

Reviewer: 1

Comment. Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes.

Page 4 last paragraph of the discussion, was changed adding “Depending on the type of foreign body and its location, various methods of removal have been described, including meatotomy, cystoscopy, internal or external urethrotomy, suprapubic cystostomy, fogarty catheterization, and injection of solvents”.

Reviewer: 2

Comment 1. The conclusion should be revised.

The conclusion now was revised “Self inflicted foreign bodies in the urethra and bladder is a rare situation. Endoscopic manipulation is the first line preferred treatment and if unsuccessful, open procedures may be necessary”.

Comment 2. The suggestion for external urethrotomy for objects stuck into the urethra should be moved to the discussion and a relevant reference should be added.

Page 4 last paragraph of the discussion, was changed adding “In case endoscopic procedures are unsuccessful, then open surgery is recommended. For objects stuck in the penile urethra external urethrotomy is
recommended\textsuperscript{9}, while for intravesical foreign bodies a suprapubic cystotomy is the treatment of choice”.

A relevant reference was added “Lee JD, Jeng SY, Hsieh DS: Self-introduction of unusual foreign body into the urethra: a case report. \textit{Zhonghua Yi Xue Za Zhi} 1995, 56:440-442”.

Comment 3. \textit{Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published.}

We tried to improve the language of the manuscript.