Author's response to reviews

Title: The Right Non-recurrent Laryngeal Nerve with Extralaryngeal bifurcation, The Left Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve also with Extralaryngeal bifurcation and with Sympathetic Nerve Anastomosis: Three Variations of the Laryngeal Nerve in the Same Patient.

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The Editor, JMCR

Dear Editor

I thank you, editorial board and reviewers for their valuable effort for evaluation of my manuscript. The manuscript is revised according to minor corrections of reviewer 1 (Makay O). Some replies to his comments are written in the following section. Reviewer 2 (Ardito G) has no comment to reply.

Sincerely,

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Ozer Makay Reviewer 1

1) Errors in English should be checked and corrected.
2) Was the branching between ILN and the cervical sympathetic chain found incidentally? In thyroid surgery philosophy, it is not a routine for searching this kind of a relation between the sympathetic chain and the ILN. The communication of these 2 structures should be emphasized better in the “the left side” section of the case report.
3) Use ‘It is thought ….” instead of “I think” and ‘branch’ instead of ‘brunch’ in the discussion part.

1. The manuscript is revised carefully for linguistic improvement.
2. Yes this anastomotic branch is found incidentally during routine exploration of the left ILN. After identification of the posterior branch of the ILN, we intra-operatively perceived an anastomosis of a thin nerve branch from posterior plan of surgical area. Literature search on autopsy and surgical dissection reports about the anatomy of ILN shows that ILN rarely receives anastomotic branch from cervical sympathetic (ganglions) chain. This variation is re-emphasised in the appropriate section (highlighted with red colour).
3. These errors are corrected in the manuscript.