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Dear JMCR Editorial Team,

I again appreciate the time invested in this manuscript by the Associate Editor. I have made all of the suggested improvements and highlighted them in green within the text.

1. The sentence "The senior vascular surgeon at this author’s local institution in 25 years of practice has not had any complications following STAB (even with patients remaining on clopidogrel which is not commonly held before the procedure)." has been omitted.

2. The last sentence has been changed to "Given the wide variety of specialties that perform STAB (dermatologists, ophthalmologists, general surgeons, vascular surgeons, and plastic surgeons) along with the family practitioner, internist, rheumatologist, or neurologist who follow these patients, it behooves all clinicians to be aware of this uncommon outcome, especially as it seems that complications are under-reported in the literature. Having in mind the potential severe complications, STAB should only be performed by experienced hands."

Sincerely yours,

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