Author’s response to reviews

Title: Removal of a below knee plaster cast worn for twenty eight months: a case report

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Dear editor, Thank you for the comments from the two readers. We submit a revised manuscript and the following prose by way of addressing the comments made by the readers:

**Reviewer 1: Franklin D Shuler:**
1) *The left below knee cast was worn for a reported 28 months and is in good condition on the case report photographs.*
Case presentation, paragraph 2 now starts:
The cast was found to be intact, despite the long duration of wear. This can be explained by the patient using crutches to partially weight bear and the plaster reinforcement with a heel stirrup.

2) *There was a discussion of psychological dependence. Was there a pre-existing psychiatric diagnosis, or one generated following cast removal?*
Case presentation, paragraph 1, sentence 5 now reads: *There was no pre-existing psychiatric diagnosis but* the patient developed a psychological dependence upon this cast.

3) *A sentence on follow up post cast removal would be helpful.*
Case presentation now has a third paragraph reading:
She was later reviewed in the pain clinic. Her skin was healthy, but her allodynia remained symptomatic. At this stage she was reluctant to pursue any further treatments.

**Reviewer 2: Timothy Petheram:**
An interesting and unusual case. Of use to know that there would be no concern with prolonged plaster treatment should the need arise, and questions current wisdom on the subject.
There do not appear to be any comments which need addressing from this review.