Author's response to reviews

Title: Stent implantation for a totally occluded right coronary artery in a 6-year-old boy after Kawasaki disease

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Reviewer 1 (Dr. Kenji Waki):

Thank you for your comments. Your queries were answered as following:

1. Re: abstract and discussion…….

Ans: We agreed with you. So we added “Close follow-up is mandatory because the long-term outcome is still unclear especially in such a small child.” at both page 2 line 14–15 and page 7 line 19–20.

2. Re: Discussion…….

Ans: We agreed with your point of view. So we added “Second, we have to take somatic growth into account when stent implantation is planned especially in small children. Therefore, we have to think about whether an additional dilatation is possible or not, and eventually how much maximal diameter can be obtained.” from line 10–13 in page 7.

3. Re: It should be mentioned about whether there is any damage to femoral artery….

Ans: The pulsation and perfusion were good after the procedure. We added it at page 4 line 1.

4. Re: page 2 line 7, line 8, page 4 line 1, page 9 line 8…

Ans: Thank you. We have corrected the type errors.
Reviewer 2 (Dr. Hiromi Muta)

Thank you for your comments. Your queries were answered as following:

*Re: long-term outcome is important.....*

Ans: We agreed with your viewpoint. So we added “Close follow-up is mandatory because the long-term outcome is still unclear especially in such a small child.” at both page 2 line 14~15 and page 7 line 19~20 and “Second, we have to take somatic growth into account when stent implantation is planned especially in small children. Therefore, we have to think about whether an additional dilatation is possible or not, and eventually how much maximal diameter can be obtained.” from line 10~13 in page 7.
Reviewer 3 (Dr. Etsuko Tsudo)

Thank you for your comments. Your queries were answered as following:

*Re: long term follow-up will be needed…*

Ans: We agreed with your viewpoint. So we added “Close follow-up is mandatory because the long-term outcome is still unclear especially in such a small child.” at **page 2 line 14-15**