Author’s response to reviews

Title: Superior vena cava syndrome in a dialysis patient: a case report.

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Dear Prof. Kidd,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised version of our case report now entitled “Central vein stenosis in a dialysis patient: a case report” to your journal.

We thank the reviewers, especially Dr. Hentschel, and the editorial team for their helpful comments. Below you will find a point-by-point response to the concerns of the editorial team and the reviewers. Changes in the revised manuscript are highlighted in red colors.

We hope that the improved manuscript adds valuable information to your readership is now acceptable for publication in the “Journal of Medical Case Reports”.

Sincerely yours

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Point-by-point reply:

Editorial team:
- the word count section was removed
- the keyword section was placed after the abstract
- an introduction is now included in the manuscript
- we included the ethnicity of the patient in the abstract and case presentation
- we revised the consent statement and the author’s contribution section

Referee 1:
- several typographical and nomenclature errors have been corrected
- the title as well as the text and legends regarding the brachiocephalic vein vs. the SVS have been corrected
we included a discussion regarding vascular access flow reduction in patients with central vein stenosis. Indeed the possibility of vascular access flow reduction was discussed with the patient and our vascular surgeons, but due to the primary success of interventional treatment we decided to keep this alternative in case of recurrence of central vein stenosis.

Referee 3:
- the patient was transplanted 3 times in 1976, 1977 and was again dialysis dependent from 1978 until 1990, and his third renal transplant failed in 1994. He was again dialysis dependent until 1990 when he received his third renal transplant which failed in 1994.
- as suggested by the reviewer we included a discussion regarding vascular access flow reduction in patients with central vein stenosis. Indeed the possibility of vascular access flow reduction was discussed with the patient and our vascular surgeons, but due to the primary success of interventional treatment we decided to keep this alternative in case of recurrence of central vein stenosis.