Author's response to reviews

Title: Cross-over replantation after bilateral traumatic lower extremities amputation: a case report

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Dear editor,

Thank you so much for your email of January 23, 2012.

Enclosed please find our revised manuscript, MS ID : 2106826722632805 R1, "Cross-over replantation after bilateral traumatic lower extremities amputation: a case report ", by Fang et al, submitted for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

We appreciate the reviewer’ thoughtful and constructive comments. As indicated below, our manuscript has been revised in response to the reviewer’s comments. In addition, all the alterations in the text were highlighted with underlined texts.

We hope all the reviewer' suggestions have been met and the modifications we made in the presentation are acceptable. Thank you very much in advance. We look forward to publishing our work.

Very best regards!

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer #1:

1. How was done the preservation of the amputed extremity until the moment of replantation?

Response: Thanks for this point. The amputed extremity was wrapped by sterile dressing, placed on sterile tray, and preserved in refrigerator at 4° until the fixation of fracture. We have added the following sentence at page 4: “The amputed extremity was wrapped by sterile dressing, placed on sterile tray, and preserved in refrigerator at 4° until the fixation of fracture”.

2. Which were the elements showed by the forceps in the figure 1D?

Response: We appreciate the reviewer for addressing an important point. The elements in the left forcep are arteriae tibialis posterior and venae tibiales posteriors of right calf, and the elements in the right forcep are arteriae tibialis anterior and venae tibialis anterior of left calf. We have added these contents in the legend of Figure1D at page 8.

3. Which was the anticoagulation method used in the post-operative period? There was risk of hemorrhage?

Response: Thanks a lot for this point. The anticoagulation method used in the post-operative period included the follows: #. Dextran-40(500ml) was used twice per day for 7 days by intravenous drip. #. Aspirin(100mg) was taken orally three times a day for 3 days. #. Narceine(30mg) was used four times a day for 7 days by intramuscular injection. #. Tolazoline(25mg) was used three times a day for 7 days by intramuscular injection. Post-operation, we examined the blood routine test and coagulation test for 7 days, and did not find any signs of bleeding. We have revised our manuscript accordingly on page 4 and 5 in the revised manuscript.

4. Please correct: p. 4 - anti-angiospasm therapy --> therapy and p. 5 Thirty-nine months ---> thirty-nine

Response: Thanks for this point. We corrected these errors in the revised manuscript.

5. I think the authors miss the citation of the following reference: Cross-Replantation of Lower Extremities in Multilimbed Amputation: Case Report
Response: Thanks for this point. We cited this important paper in our revised manuscript.