Author's response to reviews

Title: Esophageal rupture caused by explosion of automobile tire tube: a case report

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First of all, we would like to show our sincere appreciation for the handling of our manuscript. Here are the reponses, please kindly check them.

Reviewer 1

We have revised our manuscript according to your sincere comments and suggestions. To make it clear, we have highlighted our revision in the manuscript. Please kindly check them.

Reviewer 2

1) In the Introduction, please specify your exact search strategy.
We have added the information in the Introduction section. Please kindly check them.

2) In the Case Presentation, the final sentence of the first paragraph reads: "Chest X-ray examination indicated pulmonary compression..." Do you mean pulmonary contusion? The term pulmonary compression is unfamiliar to me. It should be pulmonary contusion, we have revised accordingly.

3) "Closed drainage of the pleural cavity..." Please specify right or left pleural cavity.
It should be the right pleural cavity.

4) Operative details - What was the time delay from injury to operation? What was the clinical status of the patient? What was the extent of contamination/inflammation at operation?
We have added the information necessary in the case presentation section.
5) What was the duration of prophylactic antibiotic administration? Since this was a delayed treatment of an esophageal rupture which had presumably had ongoing contamination, wouldn't the proper term be therapeutic antibiotic treatment of mediastinitis rather than "prophylactic"?
We have revised our manuscript accordingly.

6) In the Discussion, it may be helpful to include a brief paragraph about outcomes for esophageal trauma in general and for blunt esophageal rupture from all causes.
Actually, as no other reports in the esophageal trauma in adults have been reported, we can not give a summary. In children, only two case reports are available, however, the esophageal rupture is not due to explosion of automobile tire tube. Thus, we have only cited the literatures. For the potential reason of blunt esophageal rupture, as we want to focus on the rupture induced by automobile tire tube, we have illustrated in our manuscript.

7) In the final paragraph of your Discussion, you state that positioning the esophagogastrostomy in the neck has resulted in better surgical results. I would be care about making such a bold statement since, to the best of my knowledge, this is a controversial topic and the literature is divided.
We have rewritten our sentence with care.

8) There are several minor spelling and grammatical errors which I have pointed out in the attached PDF.
We have revised with care, please kindly check them.

Reviewer 3
The authors describe a unique presentation of esophageal rupture, and have done so concisely and clearly. There are a few grammatical imperfections that may need to be reviewed by someone a little more facile with the English language.
We have revised our manuscript according to your comments.
The manuscript would benefit from more detailed description of the operative technique, particularly the creation of the gastric tube and the anastomosis -including perioperative management, such as type and duration of antibiotic therapy.
As the creation of the gastric tube is a convention procedure, we think there is no necessary to give full illustration on it. If the reviewer requires, we can added the literature. For the perioperative management, we have added the information accordingly.