Author’s response to reviews

Title: Surgical treatment of scoliosis in Treacher-Collins syndrome: a case report

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the Editor and Reviewers for taking the time to review our paper and for their decision to accept it for publication.

We have made all the changes requested by the first Reviewer and these appear in the revised text in bold letters and underlined.

1. Abstract conclusion – please consider changing ‘complications as the scoliosis progresses and results in severe’, to: ‘complications if the scoliosis progressed to cause severe thoracic distortion’.
   **Response:** Done

2. Case presentation, paragraph 4 – please insert ‘(Figure 1)’ at the end of the first sentence describing the measurements of the thoracic curves. Also please review and amend the values/measurements of both thoracic curves as the values described in the first sentence of this paragraph are different to those displayed in the radiographs in the image Figure 1 – which ones are correct?
   **Response:** Figure 1 refers to the preoperative x-rays when the curves had progressed from initial clinical assessment. We have added Figure 1 under Case presentation, paragraph 6 in order to clarify the Reviewer’s question.

3. Case presentation, paragraph 5 – please consider changing ‘her scoliosis a decision’, to: ‘her scoliosis the decision’.
   **Response:** Done

4. Case presentation, paragraph 5 – Please consider changing ‘The MRI of the spine’, to: ‘The spinal MRI’. Also please consider changing ‘rigid as evident on’, to: ‘rigid as evidenced by supine…’
   **Response:** Done

5. Case presentation, paragraph 6 – please add ‘vertebrae’ after ‘from T2 to L4’. Please amend ‘use of pedicle hook/sublaminar wire/screw and…’, to: ‘use of pedicle hooks, sublaminar wires and pedicle screws, and rod…’.
   **Response:** Done

6. Case presentation, paragraph 7 – Please amend the last sentence from ‘The patient was transferred to the…’, to; ‘Postoperatively, the patient was transferred to the…’.
   **Response:** Done

7. Case presentation, paragraph 8 – Please consider changing ‘There was no need of non-invasive ventilation’, to: ‘Non-invasive ventilation was not required’.
   **Response:** Done

8. Discussion, paragraph 2 – please consider changing ‘5q32 while type 2 by’, to: ‘5q32, whereas type 2 is caused by…’.
   **Response:** Done
9. Conclusion – Please consider changing ‘Scoliosis correction is indicated’, to: ‘Surgical correction of scoliosis is indicated...’.

Response: Done

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,