Author's response to reviews

Title: A case of Resolution of a recurrent ischial pressure ulcer with a novel tissue adhesive

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Please find enclosed our manuscript titled "Resolution of a recurrent ischial pressure ulcer with a novel tissue adhesive: a case report" by Kuhfuss et al. We would like to have the manuscript considered for publication as a case report in the "Journal of medical Case Reports".

We believe our idea would appeal to the readership of the "Journal of medical Case Reports" because pressure ulcers are a huge medical problem affecting especially the growing number of elderly, immobilized and disabled patients. Besides the medical challenges pressure sores provide a huge economical burden to the health care systems. The demographic trends make it safe to assume that these problems will become even more dramatic over the next years.

Even though surgical defect coverage with flaps has proven to be affective, there are still high complication and recurrence rates due to wound healing problems related to the dead space under the flaps.

A new adhesive technology was recently introduced in Germany (TissuGlu(R)). It is indicated for "approximation of tissue layers were subcutaneous dead space exists...". As far as we know, we are the first group using this adhesive in pressure sore flap surgery. There have been no other reports in literature before on this method. We are optimistic that this technology will help to reduce complication and recurrence rates of pressure sores.

We are currently involved in a study comparing flap surgery with vs. without TissuGlu in pressure sores, which will hopefully add interesting data to the problem.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal.

All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to the "Journal of medical Case Reports".

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We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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