Author's response to reviews

Title: Teaching percutaneous renal biopsy using unfixed human cadavers

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Dear Sirs,

Further to your recent correspondence, we attach an updated version of our manuscript. The following changes have been made to this version:

- A paragraph has been added to the "Methods" section outlining that we obtained the appropriate prospective approvals in order to run the educational course described in our manuscript. Specifically, this included the Management Group of the Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre (who approved both the course outline and the use of cadaveric material), and the responsible officer ("Lead Licence Holder of the University of Glasgow") of the Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre, who approved the submission of this manuscript and accompanying images for publication.

- An abbreviations section has been added as requested.

- Institutional affiliations have been updated to reflect the affiliation of two authors (CG and BM) with the Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre

- Amendment to abstract, removing the phrase "University of Glasgow" on line 31

Formal research ethics committee approval was not required as this manuscript simply describes a novel educational course, rather than describing a clinical or educational trial. Candidates attended the course on a voluntary basis, with prior knowledge of the course aims, format of the day, and the planned use of cadaveric material for teaching. All candidate feedback was gathered anonymously and voluntarily, with candidates implicitly consenting to providing this evaluation information through their completion of the feedback form.

Please let us know if you require any further information.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,