Author’s response to reviews

Title: THE EAGLE JUGULAR SYNDROME

Authors:

Paolo Zamboni (zambo@unife.it)
Alba Scerrati (a.scerrati@gmail.com)
Erica Menegatti (mgrce@unife.it)
Roberto Galeotti (roberto.galeotti@unife.it)
Marcello Lapparelli (m.lapparelli@ospfe.it)
Luca Traina (l.traina@ospfe.it)
Mirko Tessari (mirko.tessari@gmail.com)
Andrea Ciorba (andrea.ciorba@unife.it)
Pasquale De Bonis (dbnpql@unife.it)
Stefano Pelucchi (stefano.pelucchi@unife.it)

Version: 3 Date: 11 Dec 2019

Author’s response to reviews:

1. In the Abstract, in the Methods subsection, please amend so that the word “revised” instead reads as “reviewed.”

We thank you the reviewer and change the word in the abstract (Abstract-Methods, page 3, line 8).

2. In the Declarations please ensure each of these subheadings is listed:
   a. Ethics approval and consent to participate
   b. Consent for publication
   c. Availability of data and materials
   d. Competing interests
The statements you have listed in the Declarations should be included under or after their respective subheadings.

We listed the required subheadings as suggested by the editor (Declarations, page 13, lines 3, 6, 10, 13, 15, 18, page 14 line 5).

3. In your Ethics approval section, please clarify whether consent obtained from participants was written or verbal. If consent was obtained verbally please include reasoning for this and state if an IRB approved this method of obtaining consent. If consent was not required, please provide details of why this was wavered and the institution/committee that approved this.

We completed the Ethics approval section, specifying that written consent from all participants of the study was obtained (Declarations, page 13 line 5).

4. In your ‘Consent for publication’ section of your declarations, please confirm whether all participants gave written consent for their personal or clinical details along with any identifying images to be published in this study. Consent for publication must be in writing, and cannot be waived if it is necessary. Alternatively, if you believe all identifying information has been appropriately anonymised (e.g. by grouping ages into age ranges) and there are no identifying images used within the manuscript, then consent to publish is not applicable to your manuscript - please write ‘Not Applicable’ in this section if this is the case.

We completed the “consent for publication” section of our declaration confirming that all participants gave written informed consent for their personal and clinical data publication along with written consent for publication for any identifying images in this study, according to the Italian laws (Declarations, page 13 lines 7-9).

5. Please provide more justification for the contributions of authors ML and LT. We ask that you consider your list of authors as it currently stands with reference to our guidelines regarding qualification for authorship (http://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#authorship).

An 'author' is generally considered to be someone who has made substantive intellectual contributions to a published study. Authors are expected to fulfil the criteria below (adapted from
Each author is expected to have made substantial contributions to the conception OR design of the work; OR the acquisition, analysis, OR interpretation of data; OR the creation of new software used in the work; OR have drafted the work or substantively revised it

AND to have approved the submitted version (and any substantially modified version that involves the author's contribution to the study);

AND to have agreed both to be personally accountable for the author's own contributions and to ensure that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work, even ones in which the author was not personally involved, are appropriately investigated, resolved, and the resolution documented in the literature.

General supervision of the research group, alone, does not usually justify authorship.

Anyone listed as an author must be included in this section. If you choose to change your author list you will need to fill out a change in authorship form and send it by email to the Editorial office to be approved by the Editor. The form can be found at this web address https://resource-cms.springernature.com/springer-cms/rest/v1/content/7454878/data/v5. All instructions can be found on the form. Please return the form within 14 days with all author signatures.

Anyone who contributed towards the article who does not meet the criteria for authorship can be acknowledged in the ‘Acknowledgements’ section.

We provided a better clarification of M.L. and L.T. contributions to the paper. They analyzed and interpreted the patient data regarding the carotid and jugular diseases and gave their contribution in substantively revising the manuscript. (Declarations, page 13, lines 22-23)
We also added the required fields (page 13 lines 23-24 and page 14 lines 1-5).

6. It is noticed that Figure 5 is not cited in your main text. Please ensure all figures are cited in the main text.
We thank you the reviewer and added the citation of figure 5 in the text (Discussion, page 9 line 1).

7. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.
We uploaded the manuscript as a single, final, clear version.