Author’s response to reviews

Title: Subcutaneous emphysema of the leg after hardware removal and bone allografting for infected non-union of the distal femur

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for the opportunity to revise the above manuscript. Please find attached the revised version of the above manuscript. The comments of reviewers have been carefully considered, and implemented as follows:

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We thank the Editorial Board for having given us the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We appreciate yours and the reviewer’s comments. We hope that the additions have now improved the manuscript, and that it has now reached the standard necessary to be formally accepted for publication in the BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

Yours sincerely,

Umile Giuseppe Longo