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“Leg emphysema after hardware removal and bone allografting for infected non-union of the distal femur: a case report.”

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:

1) Abstract: please format the abstract to ensure that the headings Background, Case presentation and Conclusions are added in the appropriate places, i.e.

Line 38: Background
Line 40: Case presentation

Line 44: Conclusions

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her suggestion. Changed as required.

2) 'Discussion and Conclusions': the Conclusions should be a separate heading towards the end of the Discussion section, rather than being combined.

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her suggestion. We have separated Conclusions and Discussion section.

3) Consent to publish: please remove the sentence 'The authors allow the publication of this original paper'. This section is consent from the participate to publish his data.

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her suggestion. Changed as required.

4) Please do not upload the CARE checklist.

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her suggestion. Changed as required.

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,

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