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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“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) The main portions in the text that require correction are:

Page 7, lines 164-168: this text is taken almost verbatim from ref [1] but there is no attribution to this paper within the text. Also this portion should be re-written to flow better.

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her suggestion. Re-written as required.
2) Page 7, line 173-178: the text in these sentences is taken almost directly from an NEJM paper from 2004 (N Engl J Med 2004; 350:2564-2571), but this is not referenced correctly. Should [13] be changed to [14]?

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

2) It would also be advisable to ask a native English speaker to read through the revised version to ensure that the text reads well.

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her suggestion. Revised 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,
Umile Giuseppe Longo