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Dear Dr Esther Fagelson,

We appreciate the thoughtful comments and suggestions from you regarding our manuscript, “A three-dimensional printed porous implant combined with bone grafting following curettage of a subchondral giant cell tumour of the proximal tibia: A case report” (BSUR-D-18-00546). We have addressed each of the editor’s comments point by point. Specific responses to the editor’s comments and criticisms are listed below:

Editor’s comments:

1. Please submit your revised manuscript to the Case Report section

Response: Thank you for your advice. We have resubmitted revised manuscript as suggested.
2. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular: https://wjso.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12957-018-1333-6 This overlap mainly exists in the case presentation section. While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please re-phrase these sections to minimize overlap.

Response: Thank you for your advice. We appreciate your understanding regarding to some textual overlap with our previous published papers. However, we understand that the overlap text was not acceptable for further process of publication. Thus, all the overlap sentences or phrases were reorganized to eliminate the part of duplication. The plagiarism was double-checked before the resubmission. All of the changes in the revised manuscript are indicated in red text. (Lines 79-81, 113-115, 120, 134-136, 138-148)

3. Please represent authors' names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

Response: Thank you for your advice. We have revised this as suggested. All of the changes in the revised manuscript are indicated in red text. (Lines 281-283)

We would again like to emphasize our gratitude for the insightful comments of the editor. We hope the editor will now consider our revised paper acceptable for sending peer-review.

Sincerely,

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