Author's response to reviews

Title: Use of rivaroxaban in an elderly patient with intermediate-low early mortality risk due to pulmonary embolism: a case report

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Dear Professor Walker,

Thank you for your letter dated 2\textsuperscript{nd} Nov, 2015, regarding the above article entitled “Use of rivaroxaban in an elderly patient with intermediate-low early mortality risk due to pulmonary embolism: a case report”, that we have re-submitted to \textit{Journal of Medical Case Reports} as a revised manuscript.

Our point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments is listed below. Also attached is the revised manuscript with changes highlighted in red. Each change made to the manuscript is detailed in the response. We believe the manuscript has improved because of the opportunity to revise it as suggested. If you, or the reviewer, require further elaboration on any points, we would be happy to provide this.

The manuscript, or part of it, neither has been published nor is currently under consideration for publication by any other journal. I declare that the co-authors and I have read the manuscript and approved its submission to the \textit{Journal of Medical Case Reports}.

Thank you for considering this revised manuscript. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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RESPONSE TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM

The authors need to DELETE the name of the patient on the CT scans and other material (figures, etc.).

Response:
Patient names, reference numbers or hospital identification numbers have now been removed from CT scans (Figures 2 and 3).

RESPONSE TO THE REVIEWER: Rajesh Bhagat

Revisions necessary for publication
1) The amount of oxygen the patient was on when the arterial blood gases were drawn need to be given.
2) The hospital identifiers and other identifiers from the image have to be removed.

Response:
1) The patient was not administered supplemental oxygen when arterial blood gases were drawn. This information has now been added to the Case Presentation (page 4, line 15; page 5, lines 13 and 14).
2) Patient names, reference numbers or hospital identification numbers have now been omitted from CT scans (Figures 2 and 3).

RESPONSE TO THE REVIEWER: John Spurzem

Additional comments to authors?:
Table 2 appears to be a repeat of Table 1 (PESI score). I would either delete Table 2 or change it somehow. I think it can be deleted.

Response:
1) The authors agree with this observation and Table 2 has now been omitted.