

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

ESPS Manuscript NO: 26661

Title: Early debridement and delayed primary vascularized cover in forearm electrical burns: A prospective study

All the suggestions of the Editor have been incorporated in the revised manuscript. The reply to reviewer comments is attached:

Reply to Reviewers' Comments

Reviewer 1: The study on electrical burns is relatively well-presented. The list of references must be updated, newer studies must be discussed in the light of the findings. The authors must discuss and compare the published management protocols.

Reply: There are very limited number of studies discussing the management of electrical burns involving the forearm. Another relevant study published in June 2011 is added in reference list. As desired, the results are compared against various published studies in the discussion segment and are highlighted.

Reviewer 2: All previous editorial requirements have correctly been filled before paper's presentation. This work correctly follows the methodological standards stated by World Journal of Critical Care Medicine. Detailed description of lesions, complementary studies, surgical therapeutic procedures and their statistical impact puts in clear the promissory results obtained by the authors. In the same way, complications are raised up over this extensive experience shown in this paper. The section titled: "Summary and Conclusions" allows a rational analysis' perspective about the specific management of such high-tension electrical burns. Finally, it would be more graphically to have available some diagrams and/or images of quoted free and pediculated flaps coverage for these complex electrical traumas.

Reply: Thanks for your comments. As desired, images of defect and flap cover are added to the manuscript and highlighted.

Reviewer 3: An interesting article in this field, although no big news is presented. English language needs to be improved.

Reply: Thanks for your comments. As desired, the manuscript is proof read once again and grammatical errors have been corrected.