

Dear Editor-in-Chief, *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

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We appreciate the detailed, supportive and constructive review given to our manuscript, entitled "**Paradoxical vocal fold motion masquerading as post-anesthetic respiratory distress: A case report**" (NO:82542). Here, we submit **a first revised version** with a point-to-point reply to the reviewers' comments. All changes made in the text were underlined. Again, thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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Reviewer's comments:

Reviewer #1: This is a rare case.

Reviewer #2: This is a well written and interesting article. PVFM is a neglected entity, and more awareness is certainly required. The authors have missed few important entities which need to be clarified.

1) Was she a smoker or not?

→ She is a non-smoker. We described it in the personal and family history part, page 6.

2) Was she alcoholic, which can cause more airway problems.

→ She is a non-drinker. We described it in the personal and family history part, page 6.

3) What was the Mallampati score for anesthesia, was her oral cavity big enough?

→ The Mallampati score was grade 1, and the Cormack-Lehane grade observed through laryngoscopy during intubation was also grade 1. We described it in the history of present illness and history of past illness part, page 5-6.

4) What was the reason for the initial thyroidectomy?

→ She was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and underwent total thyroidectomy.

Considering your comments, we revised.

5) How long did the stridor last after the first surgery?

→ Although her vital signs, including SpO₂, remained stable, the inspiratory stridor lasted for about 10 minutes. Considering your comments, we revised in the treatment part, page 7.

6) Is she been seen by a SLP as follow up?

→ All symptoms improved after 2 months of treatment, so she was not seen by a SLP as follow up.

7) Did she have any history of seasonal allergies or any allergy?

→ She has no history of any allergies. We described it in the personal and family history part, page 6.

8) Did she have a thick neck?

→ She had an average-sized neck, neither thick nor thin. We described it in the history of past illness part, page 6.

9) Although the authors provided weight and height, better to include BMI

→ As your, comments, we described the weight, height, and BMI in the manuscript.