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Dear Editors,

Thank you very much for lending your time and expertise reviewing our manuscript entitled “Stem cell treatments for oropharyngeal dysphagia: Rationale, benefits, and challenges.” We have made the following point-to-point revisions in response to the comments we received.

1. Reviewer 1: “If it the stem cell treatment for different symptoms could be demonstrated in schema will be more attractive.”
 - We included a figure depicting the anatomy involved in swallowing and highlighted key areas in which dysfunction may lead to dysphagia, doubling as potential points of intervention. We also summarized key findings of each paper into Table 1.
2. Reviewer 2: “a careful revision is recommended to amend some typos throughout the text. For example: “.....salivary gland stem cells cultured in vivo then transplanted...” should be “...in vitro...” Some square brackets are missing in the literature citations. References 51 and 52 should be reversed.”
 - Changed “in vivo” to “in vitro”.
 - Added square brackets to all literature citations.
 - Revised order of references 51 and 52 in main text.
3. Science Editor: “The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).”
 - Removed grants from supported by section, as this manuscript/study was not funded by any grants
4. Editorial Office Director: “Some figures and/or tables should be added.”
 - Added Figure 1 depicting anatomy of area of interest and Table 1 summarizing key findings of each paper.

Thank you again, and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,
Eric K. Tran