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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Manuscript\_20140324015447 – edited.doc).

**Title:** Tree Stand Falls: A Persistent Cause of Neurological Injury in Hunting

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. The introduction has been improved by adding statements regarding the prevalence of tree stand use by hunters, as suggested by Reviewer #723730.
2. A discussion of international data has been included in the conclusion as suggested by Reviewers #723730 and #2446731.
3. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation have been corrected where needed.
4. In response to reviewer #723730, and the comment about pre-divulging results, we would like to clarify this concern. No specific data from our study was used in any discussion with hunters. Preliminary discussions in broad strokes using publically available data was used to frame the conversation and we are awaiting publication before we share our results with the state. At that point, the specifics from our work will be discussed and we will be discussing ways to incorporate our findings into the formal safety curriculum.
5. Also in response to reviewer #723730, we appreciate his very helpful suggestion regarding having injured hunters share their experiences with others at the safety courses. While we are not in charge of setting the safety course curriculum, we can certainly include this as a part of any discussions we have. Allowing patients to share their experiences with others will facilitate meaningful discussions with their fellow hunters, and perhaps will convince those that our data did not.
6. We appreciate the kind words provided by reviewer #2731058 and are grateful he thinks so highly of our manuscript.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vasisht Srinivasan', written in a cursive style.

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