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Dear Lian-Sheng Ma:

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript (ID: 59832 entitled " Severe skeletal bimaxillary protrusion treated with micro-implants and a self-made four-curvature torquing auxiliary: Case report with 2-year follow-up"). We appreciate the positive comments and constructive suggestions that the Reviewer, Science editor, Editorial office director and Company editor-in-chief provided, which greatly improved the quality of this manuscript.

We have studied the comments carefully. According to suggestions, we have check, prepared all the files needed to be uploaded and discuss the difference among our self-made four-curvature torquing auxiliary and other torque control systems, e.g. hybrid appliances as the reviewer suggested. Additionally, two references were added in this revised manuscript (shown as the red style parts of lines 16-21 in page 12 and lines 21-28 in page 15). The detailed revisions for reviewer's comments can be found in the following letter and in the revised manuscript. We have exerted our best effort in revising our manuscript according to the comments and the changes were highlighted in red. Attached here with is the revised version, which we are submitting for your kind consideration.

We would like to express our great appreciation to you and to the reviewer for providing the comments on our paper. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Authors' response to Reviewer 1 Comments:**

First, all of us are very grateful to you for giving us many helpful advices. We have carefully revised this manuscript accordingly. The detailed answers are listed as follows:

**General comment:** *Dear Authors, In the manuscript you describe an interesting case of a patient with a severe class II and biprotrusion, thus is a challenge for the ortodontist. As you corretly state, it would be treated by a combination of orthodontic and surgical treatment. I appreciate the proposal of four different clinical option, and the patent's involmment in the decisional process.*

**Answer:** It is great our pleasure that you can appreciate this case treatment.

**General comment:** *In the description of the therapy, you highlight the main problems, and clearly explain how you have overcome them. The use of mini-screws is widely reported in literature, and your choice of references is appropriate. The use of the anterior auxiliary arch to control the torque of the upper incisors is original, and you demonstrated that it can works in such a cases. I suggest you to discuss the difference among this solution and other torque control systems, e.g. hybrid appliances.*

**Answer:** We all appreciated your suggestion and have added the discussion on the difference among our self-made four-curvature torquing auxiliary and other torque control systems in this revised manuscript, besides two references were added (shown as the red style parts of lines 16-21 in page 12 and lines 21-28 in page 15).

**General comment:** *I appreciate that you put in evidence the limit of this treatment, that didn't allow to correct completely the class II relationship. The time of treatment*

*was quite long, but necessary to complete the case in a non surgical approach to the problem.*

**Answer:** Thank you for your agreement on the limit and long treatment time of this case.

Finally, all the authors thank you again for your suggestion and agreement on this manuscript.