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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your kind letter considering our study. We also like to thank all reviewers for their meticulous study and their remarks.

A revision of the manuscript entitled: “The Use of Intercostal Nerves for Different Target Neurotization in Brachial Plexus Reconstruction” has been attached.

Having in mind the recommendations of the reviewers we proceed to the following changes:

### **Reviewer Comments**

#### **Reviewer #1:**

*Comment:* The review by Lykissas et al is an excellent short review of the use of intercostal nerves in brachial plexus reconstruction. This is a very useful review and will be a great aid to medical and science students wishing to learn about the procedure. The review would be benefitted immensely by a diagram or perhaps photographs of the actual procedure itself.

*Response:* We would like to thank the reviewer for his/her kind comment. Intraoperative pictures were added. See figure 1.

#### **Reviewer #2:**

*Comment:* It will be better for reader to understand surgical procedures if illustrating figures can be presented in the text. Table location is not indexed in the text. This reviewer assumes the table to be indexed in the text of page 7.

*Response:* Intraoperative pictures were added. See figure 1. Table was indexed in page 7.

**Reviewer #3:**

*Comment:* Simple line diagram needed for the intercostal anatomy and various surgical techniques with use of intercostal nerves.

*Response:* Intraoperative pictures were added. See figure 1.