Author's response to reviews

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Re: BMC Neurology - MS: 1792994857236830 - NG2 and phosphacan are present in the astroglial scar after human traumatic spinal cord injury#

Dear Editor,
Thank you for the reviewers’ comments to the above manuscript. We corrected the minor revisions and hope that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Neurology. Our responses to the reviewers’ comments are dealt with below:

Reviewer Eve Tsai

Minor Suggested Revisions:
1. Page 5: The authors may wish to not pluralize "precursors" in "a similar oligodendrocyte precursors"
2. Page 12: "It was not possible" should probably be reworded as it is possible, but not addressed in this study.
3. Page 12: I think the authors were referring to Table 3, not Table 2
4. Page 14: Re: "Instead, first signs of astrocytic scar formation", "the" might be added before "first"
5. Page 32: For the table and in the text, the authors may wish to define each level of their grading system (e.g. + = low incidence, ++ = moderate incidence, +++ = high incidence, ++++ = very high incidence.
6. Page 33: The authors may wish to clarify their sentence with the phrase, "were located have been taken"
Response:
We corrected the revisions in the new text.

We hope that the efforts we have made to comply with, or answer, the reviewers’ comments have been sufficient so that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Neurology.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Armin Buss