Author's response to reviews

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Dear Dr Catherine Olino

Thank you for your email.

The date for the submission of my manuscript was Feb 13, 2013. The following days were the Chinese lunar New-year holidays. I am really sorry that I uploaded an old version. I will revise and address the comments according to your instructions and then upload it again.

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1. Ethics: Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm), and any experimental research on animals must follow internationally recognized guidelines. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

The revised part is:

Consent and ethical approval

The present study was approved by the scientific and ethics committees of Tri-Service General Hospital and National Defense Medical Centre, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC (TSGHIRB approval number 100-05-239). All parents, guardians, or legal representatives signed an informed consent form before participation in the study.

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The revised part is:

Cell isolation

Chondrocytes were isolated and cultured as described previously [21]. Male 3-week-old Sprague Dawley rats (50 to 60 g each) were obtained from BioLASCO Taiwan Co., Ltd (Taiwan). All experiments were approved by the local institutional animal care and use committee, Tri-Service General Hospital and National Defense Medical centre, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC (IACUC-12-233).

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Please feel free to let me know if there is anything missing, and I will do it ASAP.

Best regards

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