Author's response to reviews

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Dear BioMed Central Journal Editorial Office,

My co-authors and I would like to thank you and the reviewers for the careful review and constructive feedback provided for our manuscript entitled ‘Prophylactic Antibiotic Regimens in Tumor Surgery (PARITY) Survey’. We have revised the manuscript based on the reviewer recommendations as outlined below.

We feel that the manuscript has been greatly improved and we request that the manuscript be considered for publication in *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*.

We thank-you very much for your time and attention and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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**Reviewer’s report**

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**Reviewer:** Toshihiro Akisue

**Specific comments:**

1. Page 3, abstract
   “one in four” and “One in three surgeons” should be noted in specific values (percentage), namely “25%” and “33%”.

   *This has been updated and reads as follows “....25% favor additional coverage with an aminoglycoside and/or Vancomycin. Of those who prescribe a cephalosporin, 33% prescribe a dosage of one gram...”*

2. Page 13, line 1
   I think that the authors noted 5 key findings following this sentence.
This has been updated and reads as follows “The results of this survey demonstrated five key findings”

3. Tables
Each table should be noted in the separate page.

Response: This has been updated and each table is now noted in a separate page

4. Appendixes
Appendixes are informative to know the PARITY questionnaire. However, for the publication, the authors should make these appendixes more concise for the article.

Response: The appendices have been reformatted to be more concise.