Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Thank you for your letter on May 27, 2014.

We appreciate very much your editorial work on our manuscript. It is a great pleasure for us to revise it in accordance with the concerns. Certain changes have been made and marked in red type in the revised manuscript. We hope that with these changes our manuscript will meet the criteria for publication in *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*. We thank you again and look forward to hearing from you soon.

**Response for editorial requests:**

1. The authors declare that this study has been approved by the committee of National Science Council of Taiwan. The following statements has been also added in the revised manuscript:
   “This study was approved by the committee of National Science Council of Taiwan. All experiments conformed to the regulations for the care and use of animals. The usage of the porcine spines was in accordance with the guidelines of replacement, reduction and refinement.” *(Page 5, Line 13)*

2. The porcine spines used in the study were purchased from Yahsen Animal Institute, Taiwan.

Sincerely,

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