Author's response to reviews

Title: Reliability of lumbar spinal palpation, range of motion, and determination of position

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To the Editor or Editorial Board,

We appreciate the opportunity to re-submit the article: Reliability of Lumbar Spinal Palpation, Range of Motion and Determination of Position. We addressed the concerns from Dr. Bonde as follows: The high level of agreement in palpation could also have been facilitated by the fact that all the subjects were within normal ranges for body mass index and most were either of mesomorphic or towards ectomorphic somatotyping. Spinal palpation, and therefore accuracy, can be less problematic with such subjects than with those of endomorphic body type or who are of higher body mass index. This text is part of the discussion.

We thank you for the opportunity for this paper to be involved in the continuing review process through BMC Medicine. We look forward to your response in due course.

Sincerely,
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