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Dear Editor,

It is a great honour of us that our manuscript entitled “Sphingosine-1-phosphate attenuates proteoglycan aggrecan expression via production of prostaglandin E\(_2\) from human articular chondrocytes” by Masuko K *et al* has been accepted for publication in *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*.

We have addressed the editor’s requests as follows:

We removed the text “Research article” from the title page.

We listed the authors’ E-mail addresses after the affiliations list.

We removed the running title from the title page.

We placed the references in the text after the full stop.

We removed website’s URL (i.e. “ImageJ”) from the text and referred it through our EndNote library.

We included the “Competing interests” section between the Conclusion and Authors’ contributions.

We re-constructed the figure files to contain several parts of the figure in one. This reduced the number of figure files to submit. Also we tried to reduce white space around the image.

We copied and pasted the table into the manuscript file after the Figure legends.

We hope these changes would meet the journal’s standards.

Sincerely,

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