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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your E-mail on reformatting of 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* for publication in *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*.

We have addressed the editor’s requests as follows:

We wrote each affiliation in full.

We used sentence case for all titles: Results and discussion, Competing interests

We included “The National Institutes of Health” as an author’s name in reference 16 (since it is an URL, there is no further information to include).

We re-numbered the figure files in a numerically consecutive fashion.

We cropped all the figures.

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

Sincerely,

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