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Title: Refining animal models in fracture research: seeking consensus for changing the agenda in optimising both animal welfare and scientific validity for appropriate biomedical use

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Response to Review:

Again we appreciate the reviewers’ comments and careful review. We looked at the comments and made the modifications proposed by Reviewer 1 – see below. Reviewers 2 and three did not have any such suggestions.

From all authors we received a memo either by e-mail or telephone that they do not have any conflicting financial interest.

Reviewer 1:
Minor comments:
P3, L11 from bottom: I do not think points 1-10 are “experimental designs”, as suggested in the opening phrase of this paragraph. They could perhaps be called requirements the experimental design of animal studies should comply with. The opening phrase could perhaps be the following: “The experimental design of all research where animals serve as models for humans should comply with several requirements. These include:”

We accepted the proposed sentence.

P13, L3 from bottom: Phrase unclear. Perhaps: “Osteones are an example of the differences in structural entities of bone”?

This sentence was omitted

P19, L1: ..numbers of animals used...

Corrected

P19, L14: two times “species”

Corrected
P21, L6 from bottom: ..experimental animals during a...
Corrected

P23, L15: Use of the conjunction “as” is unclear, perhaps meant “for which reason”? 
Corrected. Divided sentence into two sentences.

Legend frig.1: L6: For this reason...

L8: In the open space we should presumably read “pulley”? 

Thank you