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We are resubmitting the first part of a 2-part paper presenting a novel approach to the diagnosis and management of patients with spinal pain, as well as a novel approach to research in spinal pain. You had requested that we further reduce the word count on this paper, which we have done. We have streamlined the paper by over 7000 words from our initial submittal, and any further cutting will adversely affect the scientific and hypothesis-generating value of the paper. We hope that the manuscript is now of acceptable length for the journal.

Please let us know whether you need anything further. Thank you again for your consideration.

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