Author's response to reviews

Title: Percutaneous balloon kyphoplasty for the treatment of vertebral compression fractures

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Dear Editor,

Submitted please find our article entitled "Percutaneous balloon kyphoplasty for the treatment of vertebral compression fractures" which we are submitting for publication in "BioMedCentral Surgery". All the manuscript and figures were submitted electronically.

We thank the editor and the reviewers for all of the kind concerns and valuable comments. The manuscript has been rewritten accordingly.

1. the full name of the ethics committee that approved your study in this statement.

   We would also ask you to provide us documentary evidence of the ethical approval associated with your study.

Response: documentary evidence was attached.

2. Please confirm whether informed consent was obtained from the patient included in your trial, and include a statement to this effect in your manuscript. In the event that informed consent was deemed unnecessary or waived, then please clarify why this was.

Response:
The Chang Gung Medical Foundation Institutional Review Board approved this study (101-3955B) and waived the requirement for informed consent due to the retrospective nature of the study.(Page 6,Line 13-16)

Your Sincerely,

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