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Dear Editor

We have carefully read the reviewer’s comment and have included our responses below. We thank the reviewer for improving the quality of this manuscript and hope that you consider the revised manuscript for possible publication in *BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine*. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Jin Yeul Ma
**Referee 2:** I have read the revised manuscript and am satisfied with the revision.

**Associate Editor comment:** Authors mentioned the use of t-test as well as ANOVA (followed by Duncan's test) in their analysis. The graphs do not clearly indicate the use of ANOVA followed by Duncan's test for separation of mean values.

-> We re-analyzed the results of animal experiments, BMD and bone parameter, using ANOVA followed by post-hoc Tukey HSD test to confirm significant differences of mean value between the animal groups. We found that the administration of fHRT to the OVX group significantly recovered BMD, BS/BV, and Tb.Th compared to OVX or HRT group. We described the method of analysis (page 9) and the result of bone parameter (Figure 6) in the revised manuscript.