Author's response to reviews

Title: Giant osteoclasts in patients under bisphosphonates

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Dear editorial board,

We are very thankful again to the reviewers remarks concerning our article. We are convinced that reporting this case-report in "BMC Clinical Pathology" will allow to reach a high number of clinical pathologists and increase their awareness on this particular osteoclast morphology. The right recognition of these non-resorbing giant osteoclasts in bone tissues from patients treated with bisphosphonates is essential because giant osteoclasts are normally associated with active bone resorption and might be misinterpreted as markers of increased bone turnover as seen in Paget’s disease of bone, hyperparathyroidism or bone cancer. The reviewer’s concerns have been corrected as much as possible.

**Point-by-point responses to reviewers**

We note that the staining of your slide in figure 2 does not depict the cells multinucleation to the extent of that in figure 1. If you could provide another slide highlighting this area more clearly it would be very useful to our readers.

Thank you for your remarks. We have replaced figure 2 by a new image of giant OC which highlights more clearly the cells multinucleation.