Author's response to reviews

Title: Can dental CT predict the hardness of interradicular cortical bone?

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Dear Editor,

We want to thank the referees for their work. Attached, please find our revised article entitled "Can dental CT predict the quality of interradicular site?" (former title, see below).

These are the changes we did according to the referees recommendations:

1. The title was changed: from Can dental CT predict the quality of interradicular site? to "Can dental CT predict the hardness of interradicular cortical bone?"
2. Dental CT was changed to cone beam CT (CBCT).
3. Conclusion sections (abstract and paper): "bone quality" was changed into "cortical bone hardness".
4. A sentence was added at the end of the first paragraph of Materials and Methods: "The latest was done in order to allow further parallel planes cuttings for the microhardness tests (see below)." However, if the editor thinks that this is not necessary – he can delete this added sentence.
5. The statistical program was added at the statistical section.
6. Mean (±SD) values were added in the Results section.
7. The references format was changed according to the requirements: a ":" was added after the last author and the name of the journal was changed to be in *Italic* format.
8. Legends to Figures: In Figs. 2-4 the next sentence was added: Boxes represent the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} quartiles, the band inside is the median and the whiskers are the minimum and maximum values of all of the data".

In addition, we declare that the experiments were done on bones obtained from a farm. No in vivo studies were done.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you regarding the final decision of the above manuscript.

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