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Dear Dr. Iwanaga,

We thank you for allowing us to revise the manuscript again. We have added new data for author’ contributions, competing interest and abbreviations and changed the fibroblasts to myofibroblasts as suggested. We hope that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publishing in BMC Cardiovascular Disorders.

The point-by-point responses to Editor’s comments are as follows:

**Concern #1:** Authors’ Contributions Please change the current formulation of the section "Authors' contributions" to a format that adheres to the journal style. Detailed instructions for this can be found at http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmccardiovascdisord/authors/instructions/researcharticle#formatting-contributions

**Response:** Thanks for your suggestion, we have changed the section “Authors' Contributions” according to a format of BMC Cardiovascular Disorders.

**Concern #2:** Please move sections "Competing interests" and "Authors' contributions" to after section "Conclusions". Please also change section title "Introduction" to "Background".

**Response:** Thanks for your suggestion, we have moved the data to after section "Conclusions", changed the section title "Introduction" to "Background".

**Concern #3:** Abbreviations Please include a section "List of abbreviations used" after the section "Conclusions".

**Response:** Thanks for your suggestion, we have added the section “List of abbreviations used” in after the section “Conclusions”.

**Concern #4:** Consistency of terminology Please ensure that the cells are referred to as 'myofibroblast' consistently throughout the manuscript.

**Response:** We have confirmed the changes the “fibroblasts” to “myofibroblasts” throughout the manuscript by following the Editor’s recommendation.