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RE: MS: 1012042078176403 - Genome-wide DNA methylation study of hip and knee cartilage reveals embryonic organ and skeletal system morphogenesis as major pathways involved in osteoarthritis

Dear Ma. Luz Ligaya De Guzman

Thank you for your email of 25th Sept. 2015. As requested, we have deposited the genome wide methylation data into Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database and provided the accession number in the manuscript (lines 162 - 164). The funding information has also been moved to the acknowledgement section (lines 363 - 365). The changes are highlighted in the manuscript for your convenience. I confirm that all authors approved this revision.

My co-authors and I look forward to hearing from you.

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