Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

We thank editor and reviewers for your careful and thoughtful comments. According to your perfect comments, we have completed the response to reviewers.

Thank you very much.

Your sincerely,

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“I thank the authors for providing the power analyses. However, the statement is somewhat unclear. Do you mean "A sample size of 41 patients in each group was required to demonstrate a
difference in change scores between the groups of 10 mm (on a 0-100 mm VAS). Or do you mean that you were able to detect a significant change in VAS pain in all patients of 10 mm or more. The latter does not really answer the question unless you mention the difference in treatment effect between the groups that you are able to detect.”

Response: We apologize for the misunderstanding. We mean that a sample size of 41 patients in each group was required to demonstrate a difference in change scores between the groups of 10 mm (on a 0-100 mm VAS). We tried to make the statement clearer (Section power analysis, line 195-198, page 8,9).