Author’s response to reviews

Title: Comparison among Perfect-C®, Zero-P®, and plates with a cage in single-level cervical degenerative disc disease

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Carlo Biz, MD
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RE: No. BMSD-D-17-00541

Dear Dr. Biz:

Thank you very much for your kind consideration and for giving us an opportunity to resubmit our paper, entitled "Comparison among the Perfect-C®, Zero-P®, and plates with a cage in the treatment of single-level cervical degenerative disc disease". The reviewers’ comments have been very helpful in revising our manuscript. We have sought to respond to each of their suggestions, and the changed parts are underlined in the revised manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration of the revised version.

Sincerely,
Ho Yeol Zhang, M.D. Ph D.
Reviewer #1: To the Authors

RECOMMENDATIONS to the Authors:

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
The reviewer response: Yes
Thank you for the comment.

Does the work include the necessary controls?
The reviewer response: Yes
Thank you for the comment.

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
The reviewer response: Yes
Thank you for the comment.

Are you able to assess any statistics in the manuscript or would you recommend an additional statistical review?
The reviewer response: I am able to assess the statistics.
Thank you for the comment.

Quality of written English
The reviewer response: Needs some language corrections before being published
We agree with your suggestion, and we have had our manuscript reviewed for English language and grammar an additional time.
Declaration of competing interests

Please complete a declaration of competing interests, considering the following questions:

1. Have you in the past five years received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

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6. Do you have any non-financial competing interests in relation to this paper?

The reviewer response: I declare that I have no competing interests

Thank you for the comments.
Reviewer #2: To the Authors

RECOMMENDATIONS to the Authors:

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The reviewer response: Yes
Thank you for the comment.

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The reviewer response: I am able to assess the statistics
Thank you for the comment.

Quality of written English
The reviewer response: Acceptable
Thank you for the comment.
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