Author’s response to reviews

Title: A comparison of the stem cell characteristics of murine tenocytes and tendon-derived stem cells

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We thank the editors for their comments, which we will address in order as listed below.

Comment 1:

Please change the "Introduction" heading to 'Background' and the "Materials and methods" heading to 'Methods'.

Response 1:

The requested headings have been amended on page 3, line 49 and page 4, line 84 respectively.

Comment 2:

In the Methods, please include the source of the rats used in this study.
Response 2:

The source of the mice used in this study has been included in the methods section, page 4, line 87.

Comment 3:

In the Methods, please clarify if any animals were killed for the purpose of this study. If so, please include the sacrifice procedure in the Methods section.

Response 3:

The animals were not killed for the purpose of this study, this statement has been included in the methods section, page 4, line 90.

Comment 4:

Please provide figure titles/legends under a separate heading of 'Figure Legends' after the References. If Figure titles/legends are within the main text of the manuscript, please move them.

Response 4:

The figure legends have been moved to the end of the document, page 19-21.

Comment 5:

In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the Declarations, please also state which animal guidelines were followed in this study.
Response 5:

The animal guidelines have been included in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section, page 16, line 343.