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Dear Prof. Amanpreet Athwal and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the assistant Editor’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Intraoperative injection of absorbable gelatin sponge mixed with cement followed by spinal decompression to treat the elderly with vertebral hemangiomas” (BMSD-D-19-01795). We have studied the comments carefully and have made corrections that we hope meet with your approval. The revised portions are marked in red in the paper. The revised portions are shown in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responses are as follows:

Assistant Editor Comments:

1. Response to comment: (“We note that tables 1 and 4 contains potentially identifiable information. It is BioMed Central policy to not publish more than 2 indirect identifiers without explicit consent for publication from the participants, as per this paper (http://trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1745-6215-11-9). Currently, the age and gender information in conjunction with other details, may compromise patient anonymity. Please amend tables 1 and 4; to address this issue, by providing ages as age-ranges, or removing the age (or sex) information.”)

Response: Tables 1 and 4 have removed the sex information.
2. Response to comment: ( “Please ensure that all figures/tables and supplementary files are cited within the text. Any items which are not cited may be deleted by our production department upon publication.”)

Response: We are sure that all figures and tables are cited within the text. “Tables and figures” are marked in red in the manuscript. Table 4 is cited in the discussion section.

Thank you very much. We appreciate your efforts, and we hope that the corrections will be met with approval. Once again, thank you very much.