Author’s response to reviews

Title: Fibroblast-like synovial cell production of extra domain A fibronectin associates with inflammation in osteoarthritis

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Dear reviewers and editor,

Thank you for taking your time to go through our corrections to the manuscript. We have made corrections and answers as best possible.

On behalf of the authors,
Tue W. Kragstrup

Editor Comments:
In the discussion, please acknowledge the variations between the LPS controls, and how it may impact onto results of your study.
Answer: We agree. We included this in the discussion.

Reviewer reports:
Mohammed Sharif (Reviewer 1): The authors have adequately addressed the issued raised during the first revision.
Ming Feng Hsueh (Reviewer 2): Thanks for the authors' efforts making the changes to meet reviewers' comments. I have two questions left.
1. Please add the reference of those previous studies which the concentrations were based on, if they are not already added (for TGFβ, INFα, LPS, and IL-6). This will help the readers to understand more information related to the topic.
   Answer: Thank you for this comment. We agree that this was not clear. We added the references for our previous papers using these concentrations.

2. I understand the variation could happen but I wouldn't say the LPS control results are small variation. However, since the treatment effect can still be seen relative to the control group, I will leave it to the editor.
   Answer: We completely agree. We should optimize the assay if we need to use it again. However, as stated by the reviewer the treatment effect is seen in all experiments. We added this in the Discussion as also requested by the editor.