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Dear Editor

World Journal of Stem Cells.

Subject: Institutional review board statement concerning the full paper entitled *Evaluation of biodegradable electric conductive tube-guides and mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs)*. Manuscript revision N° **ID: 16897**.

The paper entitled “*Evaluation of biodegradable electric conductive tube-guides and mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs)*” Manuscript revision N° **ID: 16897** by Jorge Ribeiro, Tiago Pereira, Ana Rita Caseiro, Paulo Armada-da-Silva, Isabel Pires, Justina Prada, Irina Amorim, Sandra Amado, Miguel França, Carolina Gonçalves, Maria Ascensão Lopes, José Domingos Santos, Dina Silva, Stefano Geuna, Ana Lúcia Luís, Ana Colette Maurício was submitted for publication in the *World Journal of Stem Cells*.

The article describes a basic research study involving animal subjects and was reviewed and approved by the University of Porto - Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas Abel Salazar (ICBAS) and CECA-ICETA scientific boards. All procedures involving the experimental animals were performed with the approval of the Veterinary Authorities of Portugal in accordance with the European Communities Council Directive of November 1986 (86/609/EEC), and the NIH guidelines for the care and use of laboratory animals have been observed.

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