

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript (ESPS Manuscript No: 15433) in Word format.

**Title:** An autologous tissue patch rich in stem cells created in the subcutaneous tissue

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers and editor as follows:

1. **Reviewer #1 comments:** Authors reported their successful challenge to create a vascularized, ready-to-use patch by an extremely feasible method of subcutaneous implantation of polyvinyl tubes. I believe that their technique will contribute to therapeutic development for the treatment of acute tissue injuries. The only one regrettable point is that they did not present a case where the implanted patch eventually improved the repair of injured tissues. I strongly hope that authors will prove the efficacy of their patches in their future works. Minor concerns 1) Page 8, line 13-14, "While the day 4-7 bladder tissues were too delicate to handle the day 14 tissue was strong enough to be obtained as an integral bladder." should be rewritten as "While the day 4-7 bladder tissues were too delicate to handle, the day 14 tissue was strong enough to be obtained as an integral bladder." by adding a comma before "the day 14 .....". 2) Page 10, line 1-2, "Because the tissue patch was found to be a dynamic tissue between days 4-42 after implantation of the inert body it was important to determine the growing edge of the tissue" should be rewritten as "Because the tissue patch was found to be a dynamic tissue between days 4-42 after implantation of the inert body, it was important to determine the growing edge of the tissue" by adding a comma before "it was important .....". 3) In the legend of Fig. 3, "bladder like" should be rewritten as "bladder-like" by adding a hyphen between bladder and like.

**Author response:** All three corrections were made and are highlighted in the revised manuscript

2. **Reviewer #2 comments:** None

3. Other Editorial changes suggested by the Publisher in the edited copy have been corrected.

4. References and typesetting were corrected. **DOI for Ref 22 could not be obtained and therefore a full pdf copy is attached to the submission.**

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Stem Cells*

Sincerely yours,  
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