

Dear Reviewer/s,

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. We have revised it and made the following corrections:

- 1) Spelling and grammar corrections are marked red in the revised manuscript.
- 2) Figure 1 was organized in a special file. We do not need permission to publish the photo as it belongs to the photo archives of the Ilizarov Center in Kurgan. It is curtesy of the Center's museum.
- 3) Tables were also organized in a special file.
- 4) References were checked. Self-citation is 5 works that we would like be listed as they are relevant. They make about 3.5% of the reference list. We excluded PMID in the reference description and leave only PMID and DOI. Some historic citations have no DOI but have PMID. Some works have only DOI. Several references are supplied with http address for easy access.

Sincerely,

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