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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised version of the EDITORIAL entitled "**Bone and HDL: The Beginning of a Beautiful Relationship**" by Dionysios J. Papachristou and Harry C. Blair

We strongly believe that the revisions that we have made according to the reviewer's suggestions have strengthened our manuscript.

In addition, if it is possible we would like to make a minor change in the title to: "**Bone and HDL: The Beginning of a Beautiful Friendship**"

Please, consider our revised EDITORIAL for publication in your journal.

Reviewer's #00501328 Comment: I would simplify the discussion, more centered on clinical implications.

Response: We would like to thank the reviewer for this fair comment. It is obvious from the manuscript that the most significant implication of the disturbances of the bone-HDL connection is the development of osteoarthritis and osteoporosis, the most common bone-pathologies. In order to further emphasize on clinical implications according to the reviewer's suggestion we added some more clinical data for osteoarthritis and some data as regards the novel therapeutic strategies for osteoporosis.

Reviewer's #00503828 Comment: The review article is well written, and educational. Osteoarthritis and osteoporosis different diseases. Different discussion might be easy to understand.

Response: This is also a well-received comment. Although we believe that in general the two conditions are separately presented in our manuscript, according to the reviewer's suggestions we have further separated the data and made some minor changes in the second sentence of the concluding paragraph.

Reviewer's #00505420 Comment: Well written manuscript.

Response: We thank the reviewer for this encouraging comment.

The consideration of our EDITORIAL by the WJO is greatly appreciated.

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