

### **Response to Reviewer-3 (Reviewer's code 00036318)**

**1. Reviewer Comment:** This is an interesting and well-performed study that reports novel findings regarding the effects of pioglitazone on peripheral nerves and on carpal tunnel syndrome pathogenesis in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. The methods are appropriate and the results are clearly presented. I would however suggest that the authors add that the use of pioglitazone is rather limited in patients with type 2 diabetes due to its adverse effects including edema, heart failure, bone fractures and the possible risk for bladder cancer.

*Authors' Response:*

The same has been included in the text.