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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: Stem cells for the treatment of musculoskeletal pain

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Stem Cells*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) Authors thank very much reviewer nr 1 for the significant comments. The manuscript has been revised accordingly improving typo errors. Manuscript has been sent to English language editing.

The paragraph containing DVT and hipocoagulabilitiy has been deleted as less relevant to the paper.

Tompography has been changed to tomography

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We revised the writting, ommited some paragraphs (highlighted in red) in order to shorten the text and introduced title, autors, running title within the manuscripts

References have been reformatted accordingly.

- (2) Authors thank very much for the detailed review that we appreciate

We have shorten the introductory part and pain description chapter and inserted two new paragraphs about stem cell treatment for pain (marked in the resubmitted manuscript in RED - the deleted and yellow the added parts) . However, in the final version submitted by the English language Editor, the highlighting is not retained, this is why we uploaded both versions.

Title of the chapter related to neuropathic pain has been modified as to more clearly reveal its importance during addressing musculoskeletal pain.

Two distinct paragraphs about iPS cells and genetically modified cells have been added to the manuscript.

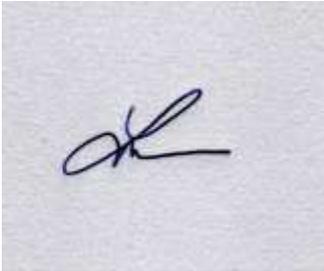
- (3) Authors thank very much for the effort put in reviewing the paper

Distinct paragraphs have been added to meet the needs of illustrating more types of stem cell importance to the treatment of pain, therefore we think the title could remain the same as the content has been diversified. We have introduced in the text the important fact about culturing MSCs as a method to improve MSCs based therapies chances to success,

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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