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We thank the reviewers for their time and effort in reviewing our manuscript. I believe we have addressed all reviewer comments either by modification and/or expansion of the text (Materials and Methods), or by clarifying technical issues in our point-by-point responses (see below).

- 1) The manuscript is provided in a Word Document and not PDF
- 2) Institutional review board statement is provided as a signed PDF
- 3) Institutional animal care and use committee statement is provided as a signed PDF
- 4) Conflict of interest statement is provided as a signed PDF file
- 5) A statement in the Materials and Methods section affirming that all appropriate measures were taken to minimize pain or discomfort, and details of the animals' care is now provided.
- 6) A statement in the Materials and Methods section affirming that the statistical review of the study was performed by a biomedical statistician is now included.
- 7) A data sharing statement is now provided in the title page. It reads: "Technical appendix, statistical code, and dataset available from the corresponding author at Dryad repository, who will provide a permanent, citable and open-access home for the dataset."
- 8) An audio core tip is now provided
- 9) The reference list has been modified to numbers in square brackets throughout the manuscript.
- 10) Significance nomenclature has been revised based on the comments provided. This was done in text and figures.
- 11) According to the comments from the administrator, we have added the following new sections to the manuscript: Background, Research frontiers, Innovations and breakthroughs, applications, and terminology.
- 12) Reference list has been revised and DOI and PMID (when available) were added
- 13) CrossRef and Google Scholar title searches are also provided

I am hopeful you find this extensively revised paper ready for publication in World Journal of Translational Medicine.

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