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Dear Sirs,

The role of LIGHT in the pathogenesis of joint destruction in rheumatoid arthritis

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Thank you for reviewing the aforementioned paper. We have addressed all the queries raised by the reviewers (listed below):

Reviewer #1:

- (a) *source and character of the dentine slices* – This is now been incorporated in page 10 of the revised manuscript, under subheading of lacunar resorption
- (b) *where are the blocking studies?*- We could not include any blocking studies as specific and effective neutralizing antibodies are unavailable present to block LIGHT completely. Using of HVEM, Lt-beta receptor and or its décor receptor, DcR3, would not have fully blocked the effects of LIGHT without other effects on culture milieu.

Reviewer #2: Overall, the paper is logical and well-organized.

- (a) *One minor point: Figure 1A contains two pictures and it is not stated which is which in figure legend.* This has now been addressed in the figure legend section (page 26)
- (b) *The length of the scale bar also needs to be stated in the legend.* This is now incorporated in appropriate Figure legend (page 26, Figure 1)

We also enclose all the necessary documents as per your instructions. These include:

1. Revised Manuscript (addressing the reviewers' comments; statements on review board, biostatistics, conflict of interest & data sharing)
2. Copyright assignment
3. Scientific research report
4. Audio core tip
5. Copies of the grant awarding letters

We would like to thank the scientific committee and the reviewers for considering and accepting our manuscript.

If you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me back

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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