**Reply to editors (02-05-2018)**

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In the revised version, we left the journal’s style intact.

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Specific comments were addressed in the revised version.

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All commercial names have indeed been removed, which is ok. However, some crucial names have been removed as well and we’ve replaced these as they weren’t of any commercial nature. Jones scissors, a Kocher clamp and Mayo-Stille scissors are types of instruments without any commercial connotation – these names represent the technical specifications of the instrument. It’s important to leave these details in the protocol as different types of instruments provide different types of dissection possibilities. To summarize, we’ve added the following in the revised manuscript: ‘Jones scissors’, ‘a Kocher clamp’, ‘Mayo-Stille scissors’, ‘silk sutures’ and ‘polyglactin 910 sutures’. Note that we’ve replaced the commercial names of the wires by the name of the material.

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In the revised manuscript, references in the text were included for all tables and figures.