

CORRIGENDUM

Wnt/ β -catenin signaling stimulates matrix catabolic genes and activity in articular chondrocytes: its possible role in joint degeneration

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Following the publication of this article, the author has made corrections in the legend of Figure 4 and in Tables 1 and 2 as follows:

Figure 4 Histological and immunohistochemical analysis of guinea pig knee joints. Longitudinal sections of tibial medial plateau from 4-month-old (a–d), 8-month-old (e–h) and 12-month-old (i–l) Hartley guinea pigs were stained

with H&E (a, e, i), safranin-O (b, f, j), and anti- β -catenin antibody (c, d, g, h, k, l). (d, h, l) Enlarged images of the squared area in (c), (g) and (k), respectively. Note that 4-month-old specimens exhibit a healthy articular cartilage structure and are negative for β -catenin chondrocyte staining, whereas 8- and 12-month-old specimens exhibit both strong staining and degeneration changes (fissures and loss of matrix). Bars represent 0.5 mm (a–c; e–g; i–k) and 0.1 mm (d, h, l).

There are the values switched the other way around between negative and positive in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 Relationship between age-related osteoarthritic changes and positive β -catenin immunostaining in Hartley guinea pig knee joint articular cartilage

Age (average of scores)	β -catenin staining			Total
	Negative	Positive	Positive %	
4 months (0.6)	5	0	0	5
6–8 months (4.65)*	9	11	55	20
10–12 months (6.52)**	7	18	72	25

} $P < 0.05$ } $P < 0.01$

Serial sections from medial tibial plateau of 4-, 6-, 8-, 10- and 12-month-old Hartley guinea pig knee joints were stained with H&E and safranin-O and evaluated by a modified Mankin's score by three independent investigators. The average of scores was significantly different between the 4-month-old and 6- to 8-month-old groups (* $P < 0.05$), and between 6- to 8-month-old and 10- to 12-month-old group (** $P < 0.05$) as determined by a Student's *t*-test. Companion sections were stained with β -catenin antibodies, and degree of staining was evaluated by independent investigators and set to the following three levels: negative, threshold or positive. Only sections judged positive by all investigators were counted as positive. χ^2 -tests indicated lack of independence between age and β -catenin-positive results.

Table 2 Relationship between severity of joint changes and positive β -catenin staining

Grading score	β -catenin staining		Total
	Negative	Positive	
0–2	11	0	11
3–5	6	6	12
6–8	3	20	23
9–11	0	4	4

} $P < 0.01$
} $P < 0.05$

The results of β -catenin immunostaining in Table 1 were regrouped according to osteoarthritic grading score (normal, grade 0–2; slight, grade 3–5; moderate, grade 6–8 and severe, grade 9–11). Values were analyzed by χ^2 -tests.