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To: Prof Nicola Maffulli, Editor-in-Chief  
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Dear Prof Maffulli:

I am pleased to submit an original research article entitled: *Cryopreserved, Thin, Laser-Etched Osteochondral Allograft Maintains the Functional Components of Articular Cartilage After Two Years of Storage*, for consideration for publication in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Research*.

We believe this manuscript is appropriate for publication by the *Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Research* because it describes a novel product for articular cartilage repair, which can be utilized in multiple joints such as the: foot, ankle, knee, and hip. This manuscript provides the necessary basic science to support that the cryopreservation of cartilage, while maintaining viable cells, native protein signaling and tissue scaffold of native fresh cartilage, is possible. We believe that these findings will be of great interest to the readers of your journal as it provides clinicians an alternative and more readily available option for articular cartilage repair.

We declare that this manuscript is original, has not been published before and is not currently being considered for publication elsewhere. The authors further guarantee that no intentional or unintentional plagiarism has occurred in the present manuscript and all original references have been read, studied, and cited.

All authors are employees of AlloSource, this study was supported financially by AlloSource. As Corresponding Author, I confirm that the manuscript has been read and approved for submission by all the named authors.

We greatly appreciate your careful review and consideration of our manuscript and look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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