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**Comments to the authors:**

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Figure 1 - I suggest changing the text "Repairing of the damaged BSCB" to "Repair of the damaged BSCB" to keep consistent tense use within the figure.

While Table 1 does a thorough job of summarizing methods of several studies, results are not indicated. This would be useful info to add a column summarizing the key findings from each study..

Pg 6, line 10 - "injection" should be the plural "injections"

The article only contains a single figure. Most reviews and other articles have at least 2 figures.