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| **Compulsory REVISION comments** | 1. In section 5, you included herniated disc (5.1) as a factor influencing the degenerative process. Nevertheless, it is a consequence of this process and I think it shouldn’t be included in this section. Indeed, I agree with the others but not with this one.  
2. In the imaging section, you should present T2 images as the “black disc” is an important concept in this field. You should also mention in the text the imaging characteristics of degenerative disc (Modic classification, for example) |
| **Minor REVISION comments** | 1. Please review in line 54 “…more nad more…”  
2. In the epidemiology section, I believe you should explain better the difficulty in distinguish between degenerative disc disease and disc aging and the controversies around.  
3. The different components of intervertebral disc should be more explained (lines 46-50) |
| **Optional/General comments** | I really appreciate the molecular description of degenerative disc disease. |

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