Responses to the letters to the editor for “battery powered bone drill: caution needed in densely blastic lesions”

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Dear Editor,

The authors would like to thank the readers for sharing their experiences. The authors have not had the experience of drilling more than five seconds using the device during clinical cases, even in the densely blastic lesions. The senior author, however, did experiment with trying to drill through a very thick cow femur cortex. On this occasion, he probably was drilling for a duration of approximately 25 to 30 seconds or longer. The drill was ultimately unable to penetrate through the thick cortex, but a burning-type odor was detected during the attempt.

The authors also had a similar experience of “biopsying the biopsy”; although, in our case a 14-gauge OstyCut needle (Bard, Tempe, AZ, USA) was used. Interestingly, this case was a biopsy of fragmented endplate for discitis/osteomyelitis. The culture yielded *Streptococcus mitis* but the pathology was nondiagnostic.

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