It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 8,
Line 46, add claim 31,

-- 31. An implantable, spinal vertebral replacement device, which comprises:
   a tubular cage for fitting into a space of a missing or damaged vertebral body;
   and first and second transverse plates respectively positioned at opposed ends of the
   tubular cage for supporting the respective cage ends and for pressing a plate face against
   an adjacent vertebral body in spinal column-supporting relation, said transverse plates
   each defining a central aperture, said transverse plates each being joined in transverse
   relation to a single vertebral attachment plate, said vertebral attachment plate having
   screw holes for attachment to a pair of said adjacent vertebral bodies, said vertebral
   attachment plate, in use, extending generally parallel to the spine for screw securance
   to the pair of vertebral bodies adjacent to said space, a central, open space extending
   between the apertures of said first and second plates and through said cage to facilitate
   bone growth between said adjacent vertebral bodies through said cage. --

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