Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to reviewer 2’s comments, and please extend our thanks to Reviewer 2 for reviewing this manuscript so carefully, it is appreciated.

We accept all of the suggested amendments and have revised the manuscript as described below. Additions and modifications to text are highlighted in yellow, deletions are not marked.

1. Each of these minor editorial corrections has been made as suggested. Reference 7 is corrected.
2. The sentence beginning “Again there was” on page 5 paragraph 2 has been deleted as suggested.
3. The title of Appendix I has been amended as suggested to reflect the fact that consensus guidelines were used, not evidence based guidelines.
4. Methods page 8 second last line amended as suggested with the addition of the word “period”
5. The last sentence of Discussion paragraph 3 has been deleted, and the first sentence in this paragraph “guidelines for managing…” moved to the beginning of paragraph 4. I have also amended this sentence slightly to highlight that there are only a limited number of musculoskeletal treatment guidelines.
6. That GPs in Aust. are unable to order MRI has been added to the end of paragraph 4 in the introduction
7. The limitation section has been amended as suggested by the addition of a sentence that begins “A second limitation…” and the deletion of the final sentence.
8. NS = not significant has been added to Table 2.
9. Appendix II was amended as suggested with the addition of an asterix alongside the correct response. I have bolded the asterix to make it more visible.

Kind Regards,

Dr Christopher Barton