Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors,

Thank you for accepting our manuscript for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. Hereby, we submit our final revised manuscript.

This letter gives a description of our revisions in a point-by-point response to the concerns of the reviewer.

Major revisions (We require the author to make these changes)

1. Manuscript sections - Manuscript sections should include (in the following order): Abstract; Background; Methods/Design; Discussion; Abbreviations (if any); Competing interests; Authors' contributions; Authors¿ information (optional); Acknowledgements (optional); References; Figure legends (if any); Tables (if any); Description of Additional files (if any).

We removed the Conclusion section of the revised manuscript

2. Reference 2. Please provide full and accurate details for this reference. This means for an Article providing year/volume/issue/page numbers and for a book the publisher/city/year.

We changed reference 2 by giving full and accurate details.

3. References - References must be cited in the text using numbers in square brackets. Please do not use superscript numbers. For example `text [1].

We changed all thirteen references cited in the text from superscript numbers to numbers in square brackets

Minor revisions (We can make these changes on resubmission, although it will speed up publication of your manuscript if you do them while making the major changes above).

1. 'Study protocol' Please remove this text from the title page.

We removed the text ‘study protocol’ from the title page.

Besides this, we also added the letter ‘h’ to ‘as’ in the following sentence in the Methods section (measurements) of the revised manuscript:
The Dutch version as proven to be reliable and valid [11].

We hope our revised manuscript will be suitable for publication within the Study protocol section.

Sincerely,

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