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Dear Dr. Norton,

We have revised again the manuscript below according to formatting requirements from the BioMed Central Editorial Production Team.

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The revisions we have made are as follows:

Major revisions
1. Abstract in the submission-system has been re-organized to be Background, Methods/Design and Conclusions.
2. We have replaced the reference list generated by the endnote function of MS-Word with the list in plain text. I would like to request you to accept the endnote function of the MS-Word since it is one of the standard word-processing software.

Minor revisions
3. I leave the tables unrevised because I failed to achieve the present layout without using merged cells. I hope the Editorial Staffs do it.
4. We have read the whole text, tables and figures many times and corrected all the typographical errors found. We believe no correction is necessary any more.

Concern
Figure 3 in pdf format provided from the Editorial Production Team is inferior to other figures. Quality of the original one is much better than the pdf version. Please ensure that the quality of the figure will be improved before its publication.
I would be pleased if you find formatting change and corrections satisfactory for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. I look forward to hearing from you, soon.

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