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Dear Dr Norton,

Re: Influence of arthritis and non-arthritis related factors on areal bone mineral density (BMD\textsubscript{a}) in women with longstanding inflammatory polyarthritis: a primary care based inception cohort
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Thank you for your email dated 12\textsuperscript{th} November regarding this paper.

We have now addressed each of the queries, have made modifications to the text and enclose a revised manuscript.

The background section of the abstract has been modified. BMD\textsubscript{a} has now been defined in both the title and the abstract. Information about ethical approval and informed consent has been included in the methods section (page 5, paragraph 2, lines 5-6).

I hope that the manuscript will now be suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Pye