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Dear Dr Norton,

Re: The Staffordshire Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Back Assessment (SAMBA) Study: a prospective observational study of patient outcome following referral to a primary-secondary care musculoskeletal interface service (Manuscript ID 1142988644350441)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 26/03/2010 requesting changes to the format of the manuscript as described below.

Major revision
After seeking clarification by telephone from the Editorial production team, the full name of the study team and bracketed abbreviation have been added within the list of authors in the submission system. The full name is too long to fit in the "first name" box, so after further telephone clarification, this has been inserted across both "first name" and "last name" boxes.

Minor revisions
Tracking has been removed from table 2.
The title and figure number have been removed from the image file for figure 1.
Minor typographical errors have been corrected.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Edward Roddy