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According to guidelines of BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders the manuscript has been revised and completed as follows

- A scanned consent form has been emailed to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com

- A paragraph about informed consent and ethical approval has been added to the methods section (p 4)

  “Informed consent was obtained at all three time points. The study was conducted in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration. Ethical approval was obtained from the ethics committee, Medical Faculty, Lund University (LU 312-90).”

- Authors’ contributions section has been added after Competing interests (p 14)

  “Authors Contributions

  The study concept and design was developed by all of the authors. Data collection had been performed by CT and MA and colleagues at Spenshult Hospital as described in the Methods and Acknowledgements. The data used for the current study was collated by MA and CT, processed and analysed by AM, and interpreted by AM, MA, RG and CT. All of the authors were involved in the preparation of the manuscript and approved it in its final form.”

Kind regards

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