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You have satisfactorily addressed the reviewers' comments. We therefore congratulate you with your paper which is now accepted for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. We ask you to take notice of comment MER 1 ("Once patients were identified as potentially eligible, their medical record was reviewed, including plain radiographs, to insure that they met radiographic classification criteria for mild/moderate knee OA. I have not included this detail in the methods section of the manuscript but will do so at the discretion of the editorial staff.") and include this in your final submission. We thank you for considering BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

Minor Essential Revisions (MER)

MER 1: Abstract, Methods and Methods, Participants. You write that 65 individuals diagnosed with mild/moderate knee OA based on symptoms and radiographs were enrolled. How did you know that the patients had mild to moderate knee OA radiography, when the radiographs were obtained as part of the patient’s routine care. I guess you got the results from their physician, but please elaborate on how the diagnosis/rating of the patient OA status was given.

Initial response: “Once patients were identified as potentially eligible, their medical record was reviewed, including plain radiographs, to insure that they met radiographic classification criteria for mild/moderate knee OA. I have not included this detail in the methods section of the manuscript but will do so at the discretion of the editorial staff.”

We have added this detail in the Methods section of the revised manuscript per the request of the Editor.

The following sentence was added and is highlighted in yellow:
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