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Re: MS: 3160655025226095 – Cross-cultural adaptation of the VISA-A questionnaire, an index of clinical severity for patients with Achilles tendinopathy, with reliability, validity and structure evaluations

We have completed our revision of our manuscript and would like to commend the reviewers for the positive response and excellent comments on our work.
Below you will find point-by-point description of the changes made.

Point-by-point response
Reviewer: Tero Jarvinen

General comments
1. “only shortcoming…not tested VISA questionnaire with functional performance tests”
   We agree that future evaluations of the VISA-A questionnaire should include comparisons with functional evaluations as well as evaluations of responsiveness over time.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. “Manuscript shortened”
   We have shortened part of the introduction, discussion and conclusion, and kept the descriptions of injury incidence and lack of scientific research as recommended.
2. “regarding publishing the Swedish version of the VISA-A questionnaire.”
   The Swedish version of the VISA-A questionnaire will not be part of the manuscript but will be linked into the final published article.
3. “the reference list in a single format”
   This is an unfortunate mistake relating to our reference program and all references have been changed to the correct format.

Point-by-point response
Reviewer: Karim Kahn

Discretionary Revisions
2. “extend the discussion of the factor analysis…”
   This has been performed as recommended.

Sincerely,
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