Author's response to reviews

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Thank you for the opportunity to revise and resubmit our original manuscript. The comments provided by both reviewers were extremely helpful and we have undertaken ALL the minor revisions as listed by reviewer LANDORF.

Reviewer: Fay Crawford
Major compulsory revisions: None
Minor essential revisions: None

Reviewer: Karl Landorf
Major compulsory revisions: None
Minor essential revisions:

1. The sentence in the final section of the background has been changed to read, '(2) how effective is this intervention?'
2. Table 2 has been revised to explain that the values are medians (interquartile range) and median difference (95% confidence interval) as estimated from statistical tests. In addition we have separated out the 95% CI using 'to' instead of a comma. Thank you for this advice.
3. The DAS score has been changed to one decimal place in both Table 1 and Table 2 as is the conventional for this metric. The HAQ scores have been left reported at 2 decimal places as is the convention for this metric in all rheumatology journals.