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Dear Lolu,

Thank you for your kind e-mail. Please find the following point by point responses to the concerns raised by Dr. Mau.

1. The recommended statements were added to the discussion section. This reads as follows:
Future studies also should include a non-specific activity of the control group of a same duration as the intervention group. A further limitation is the rather short disease duration of 9 months, compared with typical patients suffering from non-specific chronic low back pain since several years (page 12, first paragraph).

2. By chronic sciatalagy we meant sciatica. This was corrected in the Table 1. To be honest since we excluded any cases with other conditions, we do not have any more significant results to add to the Table 1.

3. To comply with the reviewer's comment (Dr. Mau) Table 3 and Table 5 were deleted. Now Table 3 exactly is showing recommended data. Consequently, the results section also were corrected.

4. The ethical approval statement was added to the method section (page 5, first line).

5. We have tried to check English and do formating changes as recommended.

6. We are pleased with your recommendation to transfer the paper to BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

7. We acknowledged the help we have received from Dr. Mau and Dr. Hurri.

Hope you find these satisfactory.
I wish you all the best.
Kind regards
Ali Montazeri