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Title: Treatment of Myofascial Trigger Points in Patients with Chronic Shoulder Pain: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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We would like to submit the revised version of the manuscript “Treatment of Myofascial Trigger Points in Patients with Chronic Shoulder Pain; A Randomized Controlled Trial” for publication in BMC Medicine. We are very pleased to know that you have accepted the manuscript for publication. The requested changes in the manuscript have been highlighted in red. Our responses to the comments have been included below in this cover letter. We ensure BMC Medicine that permission is granted to the first author by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins to use up to ten images in any single work. We have consent from both subjects on all photographs to publish the pictures in the manuscript. We have attached the photography consent forms and the lifeART license agreement below in this cover letter.

Reviewer's report (3): I have read the response of the authors and all previous comments made by the reviewers. I feel that the authors have made a thorough revision of the manuscript and have answered all the major issues raised in the first round of revision. I appreciate the effort made in adding the clinical details and precise description of the interventions. The only thing I would raise at this point is that the author should describe in the methods section how the co-interventions were assessed (interview, personal diary?).

We have added a few lines at the end of the method section about the assessment of the co-interventions.

Yours sincerely,

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