Author's response to reviews

Title: A case-series study to explore the efficacy of foot orthoses in treating first metatarsophalangeal joint pain

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Dear Mr Landorf

Re: A case-series study to explore the efficacy of foot orthoses in treating first metatarsophalangeal joint pain

Thank-you for your correspondence and we are pleased to have the opportunity to provide revisions as requested by the editors. We have responded to each of the editor’s comments in the attached table which have been numbered as per your correspondence.

Once again, thank-you for the opportunity to re-submit our revised manuscript.

Yours sincerely

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### Results

1. For the ‘Exploratory analysis’ section of the Results, please change all p-values to 3 decimal places so they are consistent with all other p-values in the manuscript.  
   This has been amended as request.

### Figures and tables

2. In the PDF version that I have access to (your most recent manuscript), all the figures and tables are imbedded at the end of the manuscript before the references and Table 1 is positioned after the four figures. Please just make sure that the figures are uploaded separately as outlined in the instructions to authors.  
   The figures and table have been taken out of the manuscript and will be uploaded separately. A Figure Legend has also been added to the manuscript after the references.

### Figure 3

### Table 1

3. Please either spell words out in full or provide a ‘Note’ section that explains the abbreviated terms (e.g. FPI)  
   The words have now all been spelt out in full.

4. Round up all data in the table to 1 decimal place.  
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**Figure 3**

6 Please position all sideways arrows so there are evenly spaced between boxes (e.g. the sideways arrow pointing to ‘Incomplete data n = 1’ is positioned too low and needs to be raised so it is midway between the ‘Screening’ and Full data analysis’ boxes). This will make the figure more balanced when it is published.

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7 For the heading of Figure 4 please add in bold baseline to week 24 (0 = no pain and 100 = worst pain imaginable)

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