Author's response to reviews

Title: Foot Health Education for People with Rheumatoid Arthritis - the practitioner's perspective.

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Re : MS: 1179912513562757 Foot Health Education for People with Rheumatoid Arthritis - the practitioner's perspective – response to reviewer comments and revisions.

Dear Editorial Team,

Thank you to both reviewers and the editorial team for your comments and advised amendments.

Please find below a point-by-point description of the changes made to the above manuscript in response to the named reviewer comments. Some reference numbers have been altered due to re-editing in addition to the amendments below.

Reviewer: Karen Vinall:
Suggested amendments:

Page 2: Methods

- Changed to ‘a focus group was conducted’
- Inserted the word ‘audio’ prior to ‘recorded digitally’ as suggested and throughout the document as suggested.
- Amendment: "The full transcription was verified by the focus group as an accurate account of what was said" instead of "The full transcription was verified as accurate by the focus group to ensure trustworthiness of the data".
- Amendment: "The thematic analysis framework was verified to ensure validity of the data" added "by members of the research team" for clarity.
• Page 3, 3rd paragraph re-worded for clarity to – “Using a patient-centred approach in the design and delivery of self-management programmes for foot health has been proven to be effective”

• Page 7, 2nd line (now page 7, 1st line) – reference 15 (Mays and Pope, 1995) added to support rigour in qualitative research.

• Page 7 Results section: 4th line amended to: “The average number of years since qualification within the group was 17.79 (SD = 9.78).”

I hope this is a detailed enough description of the changes made. If you require any additional information, I would be more than happy to provide it.

Yours sincerely,

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