Author's response to reviews

Title: Foot health education for people with rheumatoid arthritis: the practitioner's perspective.

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Dear Editorial Team,

Thank you to 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 Editor comments in the order that they were originally listed:

Amendments requested by the Editors:

1. Title: please change to "Foot health education for people with rheumatoid arthritis: the practitioner's perspective"... (i.e. change the hyphen to a colon).- amended.

2. Abstract, Conclusion: change the heading "Conclusions" to "Conclusion". Please do this for the heading on Page 25 as well.- amended.

3. Abstract, Conclusion, 1st sentence: remove the apostrophe "it's". - amended.

4. Abstract, Conclusion, 2nd sentence: add a comma after the words "management of foot health", so it reads, "...management of foot health, and appropriate self management strategies...". — amended

5. Abstract, Conclusion, 3rd sentence: change sentence to "Barriers to foot health education provision, including financial constraints and difficulties in establishing effective therapeutic relationships, were viewed as factors that strongly influenced foot health education provision." - amended.

6. Page 6, Participants section, 1st sentence: please remove the abbreviation in brackets "CEG" as it is not a recognised abbreviation and you use it infrequently, so it is not necessary. – amended.
7. Page 6, Participants section, 1st sentence: please add *(NHS)* after National Health Service to flag this abbreviation, which is a reasonably well known abbreviation. – amended.


10. Page 23, 1st line: change *Health Service* to *NHS* as per previously identified abbreviation. –amended.

11. Page 25, last sentence of 1st paragraph: remove the word *needs* as you have added the word *requires* directly after it (i.e. “...and patient education needs requires investigation...”). In addition, add *a* between the words *from* and *wide*, so it reads “...investigation from a wide geographical perspective.” - amended.

12. Page 26: please remove your abbreviations list as it is not required. – removed.

13. Page 27, Acknowledgements: please capitalise Northwest Rheumatology (i.e. Northwest Rheumatology Podiatry Clinical Effectiveness Group) as you are referring to the name of a specific group.-amended.

14. References: please change the following,
- ref 11 journal title to *Annu Rev Sociol*,
- ref 18 journal title to *Arthritis Rheum*,
- ref 22 journal title to *Br J Podiatry* - all amended.

15. Finally, please remove vertical lines from Table 1 (unfortunately the BioMed Central system does not like vertical lines, sorry!). –amended.

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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