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Title: General practitioners' perspectives on a proposed new model of service delivery for primary care management of knee osteoarthritis: a qualitative study

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RE: FAMP-D-17-00044R1 General practitioners’ perspectives on a proposed new model of service delivery for primary care management of knee osteoarthritis: a qualitative study

Dear Mr Sanders,

Thank you for responding positively to our revised manuscript and for accepting it for publication in BMC Family Practice subject to two comments requesting further changes. We are happy to submit a second revision of our manuscript with the requested changes made as follows:

Comment 1. Unfortunately Table 2 contains too many indirect identifiers which compromise the anonymity of the participants. It is our policy to not publish more than 2 indirect identifiers without consent for publication from participants. We therefore suggest removing table 2 and summarising this information in the manuscript text instead.

Table 2 has been removed and the data added to the text in the results section. The original paragraph read:

“From November 2015 through February 2016, we conducted 11 GP interviews. Descriptive information for participants is provided in Table 2. In summary, we had a combination of sexes
(64% women), metropolitan/regional practices (55% metropolitan), ages (34-67 years), experience (5-44 years) and practice size (1-24 GPs) demonstrating sample heterogeneity.”

It now reads:

“From November 2015 through February 2016, we conducted 11 GP interviews. The GPs had a mix of sexes (64% women) and metropolitan versus regional practices (55% metropolitan), and a range of ages (34-67 years, mean 50.8), experience (5-44 years, mean 21.6) and practice size (1-24 GPs, mean 7.5). They self-reported seeing 1-40 (mean 12) knee OA patients per month, demonstrating sample heterogeneity.”

Comment 2. Please clarify whether the images in figure 1 are your own or taken from another source.

The images in figure 1 have been changed to drawings that we own.

We look forward to hearing your decision on this submission.

With kind regards,

Dr Thorlene Egerton
(on behalf of all co-authors)