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Title: "I can't bend it and it hurts like mad": Direct observation of gout consultations in routine primary health care

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1. Unfortunately Table 5 contains too many indirect identifiers which taken with the other information in the manuscript could compromise the anonymity of the patients. It is our policy to not publish more than 2 indirect identifiers without consent for publication from participants. We therefore suggest removing the gender category from this data and providing it as a summary in the manuscript text instead.

The patient gender column has been removed from Table 5 as suggested.

A summary of the gender of the included patients is provided in Table 2.

2. Please copy the following statement from the Methods section and include it in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section as well:

“The collection of all Corpus data and guidelines for subsequent use have been approved by the national New Zealand Health and Disability Ethics Committee.[27]”

This statement has also been added to the Ethics approval and consent to participate section as requested.