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We would very much like to thank the editor for her recent communications. Below we have addressed her concerns in bold text:

1. Please reformulate the parts of the background (i.e. paragraph 2) that relate specifically to your previously published work to avoid self-plagiarism:

This paragraph has been re-written and we hope is sufficiently different to our previously published paper.

2. For the results, it is acceptable, and necessary, to keep the data on the demographics of the sample. However, we ask that you please remove the second paragraph of the results (Comparisons of activity and participation by disease group), and parts of the manuscript related to these results, as it has been replicated.

All of the comparative data has been removed from the abstract, statistical analysis section in the methods, results and discussion.

3. At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.
Any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours have been removed.

Finally we wish to request a very minor change (one word) to the title of our paper. As the nature of the paper has changed slightly due to the required adjustments, we request the following change which has been included in our resubmission:

Predictors of activity and participation across neurodegenerative conditions: a comparison of people with motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease.

Kind regards,

Dr David Morley

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