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Dear Editor,

Please find attached a revised version with (previous) Figures 2 & 3 combined into a single Figure 2. A slight change in the text of the manuscript has been made to reflect this accordingly.

We are disappointed that, having explained our reasoning for preferring not to carry out a "suggested" minor edit in the previous iteration, this has since become an "essential revision". You will note that we have had to remove the grouping by WHODAS functioning domain in order to carry out the Reviewer's request - it is unfortunately impossible within the software to group the bars over 3 variables, understandably as this makes the figure impossible to read. We have also had to make the axis labels very small in order to carry out the Reviewer's request. We have truncated the y-axis at 70% as requested, although we still feel that this is could be misleading
presentation as it makes the bars visually appear larger, and thus poor functioning more prevalent, than is the case.

We look forward to hearing your response.

Kind regards,
Jenny CRESSWELL