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Dear Professor Soriano,

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to re-revis the paper “Patient Centered Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) Activity Assessment by the Stockerau Activity Score for Psoriatic Arthritis (SASPA)” according to your suggestions.

Please read the revisions we made with respect to the proposals in the following. Within the revised manuscript changes are highlighted in bold letters.

1. We recommend that you copyedit the paper to improve the style of written English. If this is not possible, you may need to use a professional language editing service. For authors who wish to have the language in their manuscript edited by a native-English speaker with scientific expertise, BioMed Central recommends Edanz (www.edanzediting.com/bmc1).

We followed this recommendation and commissioned Edanz to edit the manuscript, which is also mentioned in the acknowledgement section.

2. Ethics statement

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this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

This sentence was included into ms: All patients gave their informed consent to be enrolled into this observational study, which was performed according to the Declaration of Helsinki. No objection against the study design was raised by the competent ethics committee, namely that of the Federal State of Lower Austria.

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The role of a scientific (medical) writer must be included in the acknowledgements section, including their source(s) of funding. We suggest wording such as 'We thank Jane Doe who provided medical writing services on behalf of XYZ Pharmaceuticals Ltd.'

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An Acknowledgement paragraph was included into the manuscript and is highlighted in bold letters in the revised version.

Finally, let me thank you once more for your suggestions to improve the quality of the manuscript. We hope that we could revise the paper accordingly and in a way that it can be found acceptable for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

We are looking forward to your comments with regard to our work.

Yours sincerely,

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