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Title: Validity of gout diagnosis in Swedish primary and secondary care

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To the editor of BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders

Here are the revisions made in the article “Validity of gout diagnosis in Swedish primary and secondary care” for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. We have highlighted all changed text in the article in red.

The following small changes / additions were made in the text:

Page 2, line 36: “associate with” was changed to “according to”

Page 4, line 52: we have added 4 references describing prevalence of gout

Page 5, line 90: “specialized care (non-primary care)” was changed to “secondary care”

Page 9, line 211: “criteria” was changed to “features”

Page 10, line 234: “specialized” was changed to “secondary”

Page 11, line 279: “specialized” was changed to “secondary”

Page 11, line 291: “of patients with gout are to the total gout population” was changed to “is to the general population of gout”

Page 11, line 296: the following sentence was added: “Last but not least, the validity discussed in this paper is limited, only positive predictive value was calculated. We were unable to calculate sensitivity, specificity, negative predictive value and likelihood ratio and reliability of the ICD-10 gout codes. Further studies on the full validity of the ICD-10 gout codes are warranted.”

The abbreviation PC was removed and replaced by primary care throughout the paper

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