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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for the opportunity to revise the above manuscript. Please find attached the revised version of the above manuscript. The comments of reviewers have been carefully considered, and implemented as follows:

1) Text duplication: after running your paper through our CrossCheck software, a few places within the Discussion section have been highlighted as having been taken from previous publications. It is essential that attribution is given to the original sources. Therefore please re-write these sections to remove the duplication. The iThenitecate report is attached to indicate where the duplication appears.

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her suggestion. Changed as required.
2) Availability data and materials: it is not appropriate to state 'Not applicable' as data are contained within the text. Please could this be updated, i.e. all of the data are presented in the manuscript.

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her suggestion. Changed as required.

We thank the Editorial Board for having given us the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We appreciate yours and the reviewer’s comments. We hope that the additions have now improved the manuscript, and that it has now reached the standard necessary to be formally accepted for publication in the BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

Yours sincerely,

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