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Dear Stephen Madamba and Bethan Wicker,

We would like to thank the reviewers and editor for accepting our manuscript for publication following technical revisions. We have incorporated the revisions and have prepared a list of responses below:

Technical Comments:
1. We notice that some of the text in the Methods section of your manuscript overlaps with text found in your recent publication:

We understand that it may be impractical to rewrite or omit the methodology described in your paper to avoid overlap with previous publication, especially since the previous publication is one of your own. Therefore, we ask that you reference/acknowledge the original article where this methodology was first published. Examples of such would be providing an in text citation in the methods or a statement in the Acknowledgements.
Response: Thank you, we have included the reference for the methodology as reference number 20 within the methods – participants section on page 6 line 49 and in the reference section on page 22 line 19: “Carter K, Walmsley S, Chessman D, Rome K, Turner DE. Perspectives of patients and health professionals on the experience of living with psoriatic arthritis-related foot problems: a qualitative investigation. Clin Rheumatol. 2019;8:1-9.” We have also changed the reference numbering accordingly throughout the manuscript and in the reference section.

2. Please note that the Consent for publication statement refers to consent obtained to include any individual person’s data in any form (including individual details, images or videos). Therefore, please state "Not applicable" in this section as no personal information is provided in your manuscript.

Response: We have removed “Written informed content was provided by all participants” and stated “Not applicable” on page 19 line 22 in the section consent for publication.

3. Please include the initials of all authors in the Authors’ contributions section of the Declarations.

Response: We have removed “all authors” and included the initials of each author in the section Authors’ Contributions on page 19 lines 39-46: “KC, SW, KR and DET participated in the design and conception of the study. KC and SW conducted the interviews. KC read, coded and analysed the data. SW checked the coding and analysis. KC drafted the manuscript, and SW, KR and DET read, revised and approved the final manuscript.”

4. Editor Comments: Thank you for revising and resubmitting the manuscript. The authors have satisfactorily addressed the minor issues raised by the reviewers.

Reviewer reports: Kade L Paterson, PhD, BPod, BAppSci(Hons) (Reviewer 1): The authors have done a good job responding to my comments. Congrats on a nice paper!

Anita Williams (Reviewer 2): Thank you for resubmitting this paper. It is good work and now worthy of publication

Response: We would like to thank the reviewers and editor for their comments.

Yours sincerely,

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