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ANSWER TO THE REVIEWERS

We really thank you for your comments. We have revised our manuscript based on the recommendations of the editor and comments of the reviewers. We hope these modifications would appeal to the readership of BMC Health Services Research

Technical Comments:
1. Please rename PATIENTS AND METHODS to Methods only.
   >>Done. We renamed it L88.
2. Please provide separate heading for Consent for publication and availability of data and material.
   >>Done. We added headings in L353 and L356.

Reviewer reports:
Heidi Lempp (Reviewer 2):

The authors have responded very well to my comments.

- Can the authors provide one or two accounts as evidence in the section: Comparing interviews between specialists and GPs.
However, it appeared that patients with a more flexible view of the dietary regime were more numerous in the GP group than those in the rheumatology group (50% vs. 25%). It may suggest less restricting diet advices in the GP group, with terms as “no total restriction” (17), « The restriction is not for me, I have to be able to enjoy myself» (110).

- Can the authors pl state in the manuscript that verbal consent is common practice in France that will clear up the uncertainty why the consent was not a written one.
As suggested, we included this notion in lines 350-351. Actually, for non-interventional studies, a signed consent is not mandatory as specified in the Jarde law in France(38).