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Title: Malignancy risk in Australian rheumatoid arthritis patients treated with anti-tumour necrosis factor therapy: an update from the Australian Rheumatology Association Database (ARAD) prospective cohort study

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Dear Ms Wicker,

Thank you for your email regarding the status of our manuscript "Malignancy risk in Australian rheumatoid arthritis patients treated with anti-tumour necrosis factor therapy: an update from the Australian Rheumatology Association Database (ARAD) prospective cohort study" (BRHM-D-18-00046) and informing us that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Rheumatology, once we have carried out some further essential revisions suggested by your reviewers.
We have now revised the manuscript in line with the Editor Comments as follows:

1. The senior author has rewritten the manuscript to ensure that textual overlap with our previous paper is minimised and/or appropriately referenced. We are extremely embarrassed and apologetic for the large overlap in text.

2. We have further clarified that this is an update of a previous paper and we have added the rationale for why such an updated is needed.

3. We have also added summarising statements and attribution to the original article where appropriate in the Methods.

4. We have added a statement that author Catherine Hill is an Editorial Board Member for BMC Rheumatology in the Competing interests subsection of the Declarations.

5. We have changed the wording in the Ethics approval and consent to participate subsection of the Declarations to spell out all words completely.

A single final clean version of the manuscript has now been uploaded and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Again, please note that the corresponding author is Prof Rachelle Buchbinder (not Margaret Staples who has retired).

Your sincerely

Rachelle Buchbinder

Corresponding author, on behalf of all authors