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Re: BRHM-D-19-00025R2

Dear A. Athwal:

The authors greatly appreciate the opportunity granted by BMC Rheumatology to revise our manuscript (BRHM-D-19-00025R2) entitled, “Serious infections in patients with self-reported psoriatic arthritis from the Psoriasis Longitudinal Assessment and Registry (PSOLAR) treated with biologics” based on the valuable comments made by the reviewers.
The authors have addressed the remaining reviewer’s comment in the manuscript, as well as in the accompanying response document. We hope that these additional revisions meet your approval.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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Reviewer 1

Editor’s comment

1. As mentioned before - Since the pneumonia is found to be one of the most common infections in the outcome, the background history of pulmonary disease is crucial. Therefore, the detailed history or definitions of pulmonary disease of the cohorts should be written. Sorry that I can't find the relevant information either in the article or in the table.

Authors' response

1. The authors have now added the definition of pulmonary disease as footnote “f” in Table 1.

“f Includes sleep apnea, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, and pneumonitis.”