Author’s response to reviews

Title: The impact of the illness label ‘gout’ on illness and treatment perceptions in Māori (Indigenous New Zealanders)

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Dear Dr Athwal,

Re: The impact of the illness label ‘gout’ on illness and treatment perceptions in Māori (Indigenous New Zealanders)

Thank you for your positive response. We have addressed all the additional comments.

1. Abstract
We notice that you have presented similar work at the 2018 ACR/ARHP Annual Meeting:
Please ensure that this is cited and acknowledged in the manuscript.
Response: We have added the following declaration to the manuscript:
Additional declarations
This work was presented in abstract form as a poster presentation at the 2018 American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting, October 19-24, 2018, Chicago, IL, USA. Dalbeth N, Douglas M, MacKrill K, Te Karu L, Kleinstäuber M, Petrie K. The Effect of Renaming Gout to Urate Crystal Arthritis on Illness and Treatment Perceptions in Māori (the Indigenous People of Aotearoa/New Zealand). This manuscript has not been submitted to or published in any other journal.

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Please include the following statement in your ethics section: As this was an anonymous survey study, signed written consent could not be obtained. Rather, the participant information sheet stated that “By completing the anonymous survey, you are agreeing to participation in this study.”
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In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.
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We hope that these changes and comments are acceptable to you. A tracked copy of the manuscript has been submitted with the revised manuscript.

Yours sincerely

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