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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (12496-review.doc)

Title: Gender differences in axial spondyloarthritis

Authors: Regula Neuenschwander, Adrian Ciurea

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The manuscript has been changed according to the suggestions of reviewers.

1. The publications of Yim et al. and Feldtkeller et al. have been referenced in the paragraph "family life". The respective passage now reads: "The quality of marital life was shown to be characterized by a higher global distress and a higher probability of aggression from their partner in female SpA patients from Korea (REF103). Furthermore, in comparison to healthy individuals in Europe, a higher proportion of women with SpA was shown to be single or divorced (REF 104). Disease activity was, moreover, higher in divorced than married female SpA patients."

2. We have corrected the misspelled and or missing author names in the references.

We think that the manuscript has been improved by these changes and hope that you will find it now suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Rheumatology*

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ciurea', with a stylized, cursive script.

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