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We thank *Tillet et. al* for their comments[1] on our letter to the editor entitled 'How are enthesitis, dactylitis and nail involvement measured and reported in recent clinical trials of psoriatic arthritis? A systematic literature review'.[2] We appreciate that the authors are in agreement with our view regarding the clear need for the harmonisation of outcome assessment in PsA.[1,2] We are aware of the work in this regard from the GRAPPA-OMERACT initiative[3], as cited in our letter[2], which has indeed already led to an update of the Core Set of domains for PsA. Hopefully the next step that needs to be taken, namely the development of a Core Set of Outcome Measurements, will represent an important advance in standardization. Being an OMERACT initiative, it will implicitly need to follow the OMERACT filter,[4] which means that 'For applicability, each instrument must prove to be truthful (valid), discriminative, and feasible'. For this we would like to highlight that feasibility is an important aspect that deserves appropriate attention, as otherwise the desired harmonization of outcome measurement will not be achieved, even if the instrument may have good psychometric properties. We further hope that the GRAPPA-OMERACT initiative takes all the issues addressed in our letter, but also the various aspects of instrument development discussed during the generation of the updated treat-to-target recommendations for axial and peripheral spondyloarthritis into account when proposing the Core Outcome Measurement Set.[2,5] We look forward to the updated Core Set and especially to its implementation in clinical trials and in clinical practice.

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