

Supplemental table 2. Statements that were excluded from the draft statement set.

Statement	Reason exclusion
"I have not lost my interest in sex"	Covered similar topic as statement 14.
"Sex makes me feel better"	Too many statements (1,2,3) about topic which caused an unbalanced statement set.
"I don't want to talk to other people about my sexual health problems"	Too many statements (23,24,27) about topic which caused an unbalanced statement set.
"Sex is painful"	Covered similar topic as statement 6.
"I avoid sex because afterwards I feel more joint pain"	Too many statements (6,17) about topic which caused an unbalanced statement set.
"I am (almost) always able to get an erection during sex"	Covered similar topic as statement 16.
"I have less self-esteem"	Covered similar topic as statement 21.
"I have received sufficient information from my rheumatologist/nurse about the (possible) effects of my disease and treatment on my sex life"	Covered similar topic as statement 23.
"I prefer to discuss my sex life with a male rheumatologist or nurse"	Too many statements (23,24) about topic which caused an unbalanced statement set.
"I'd rather discuss my sex life with the nurse than with the rheumatologist"	Too many statements (23,24) about topic which caused an unbalanced statement set.
"I have found other ways to be intimate"	Covered similar topic as statement 30.
"Because of my disease it is more difficult to find a partner"	Covered similar topic as statement 28.
"I am rarely in the mood for sex because of my rheumatism"	Covered similar topic as statement 14.
"I don't have enough energy for sex"	Covered similar topic as statement 7.