

Supplementary Table 4 Sensitivity Analysis to test robustness of results after removing total score

Outcomes	SMD (95%CI)	RoM (95%CI)	WMD (95%CI) after removing total score
Pain at 4 weeks or less	-0.70 (-1.46 to +0.06)	0.74 (0.68 to 0.81)	NR
Pain at 6 to 8 weeks	-0.17 (-0.38 to +0.05)	0.88 (0.73 to 1.06)	NR
Pain at 12 weeks	-0.20 (-0.40 to 0.00)	0.87 (0.76 to 1.01)	NR
Pain at 24 weeks	-0.26 (-0.56 to +0.04)	0.78 (0.60 to 1.02)	NR
Pain at 1 year or more	-0.14 (-0.51 to +0.24)	0.90 (0.68 to 1.20)	NR
Function at 4 weeks or less	-0.58 (-1.45 to +0.29)	0.90 (0.79 to 1.04)	-5.0 (-9.4 to -0.6)
Function at 6 to 8 weeks	-0.27 (-0.49 to -0.05)	0.86 (0.76 to 1.00)	NR
Function at 12 weeks	-0.48 (-0.91 to -0.05)	0.82 (0.67 to 1.00)	-4.5 (-7.9 to -1.1)
Function at 24 weeks	-0.49 (-1.47 to +0.49)	0.87 (0.56 to 1.33)	+0.1 (-4.1 to +4.3)
Function at 1 year or more	-0.01 (-0.24 to +0.22)	1.01 (0.88 to 1.15)	-0.4 (-2.6 to +1.8)

SMD: Standardized mean difference; RoM: Ratio of mean; WMD: Weighted mean difference; NR: not relevant since total score was not included