Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit a revised version of our manuscript.

First of all we checked thoroughly the orthography of the whole manuscript and revised the syntax in order to provide more comprehensibility for the reader and corrected all of the identified language issues. In addition, we improved the English language by consulting “American Journal Experts” as native speaking support to fulfil recommendations of two of the reviewers.

We found the reviewers comments very helpful to improve the manuscript generally.

Accordingly we want to address the reviewers’ comments in the following point-by-point for the different sections:

Introduction:
We revised the introduction and shortened phrases in this section to provide more readability.

Material and methods:
We deleted figure 1 as suggested by reviewer 2 and clarified the description of the legends to figures as well.

Results:
Considering the suggestions of the reviewers we clarified and specified the result section and eliminated redundant data presentation.

In contrast we provided another data of participating disciplines and specified methods e.g. to the internship in EMS, which means presence in an ambulance with a minimum of an 8-h-shift.

Discussion/Conclusion:
Following the suggestions of the reviewers we edited the discussion and added phrases about the future of emergency medical care training and especially of the specialty emergency medicine in Germany. We discussed the instructors’ qualification in more detail and in addition OSCE in emergency medical care was picked out as a central theme and we focussed on the detected weaknesses and chances for future improvement within the conclusion section as proposed by the reviewer.

Additional material:
We attached a copy of the survey as supplemental file as suggested by one of the reviewer.

Best Regards
Stefan Beckers