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Dear editor,

Thank you for your consideration of our manuscript.

Please find attached our second revision of the manuscript. We hope to have successfully answered the issues that you have raised.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or comments regarding our manuscript.

We are looking forwards to your decision.

Sincerely yours,

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Thank you for revising and re-submitting your paper. It is much improved, but the Conclusions need strengthening - the final sentence 'Our results suggest that developing communication skills regarding medication prescribing could be of interest.' is disappointing.

Accordingly, the last sentence of the conclusion has been modified to: “Our results suggest a need for developing general practice residents’ communication skills regarding medication prescribing, especially in the context of the absence of a prescription.”

In addition, the paper needs to be made more accessible to an international audience.

We have made changes in the discussion section to address this point. Please do not hesitate to tell us if some points still remain inaccessible, or if any of the terminology used is inappropriate.

1- We modified the section on the challenge of prescribing in collaboration with other professionals, extending it to the generalized context of grouping primary care professionals as primary care teams.

“Prescribing in collaboration is also a challenge in the current context of reorganization of primary care that evolves towards grouping different professionals in the same health care teams.”

We added two references to studies from Canada and the US (Rodriguez, BMC Fam Pract 2010 and Grumbach, JAMA 2004).

2- Also, the paragraph referring to items that are specific to the French health care system has been modified. Additional information has been added when referring to the use of the ‘two-part prescription forms’ in the text, using information previously provided in the footnote of table2.

“Certain aspects can be attributed to the specificity of the French context, such as the use of the ‘two-part prescription forms’ (two-part prescription forms are needed to identify medications related to the serious conditions (found in the upper part of the form) that allow full reimbursement to the patient)”.

Also, the term “pharmacovigilance” was removed from the text.

The paper needs a careful proof-read. Please copy edit your manuscript.

The manuscript has been edited. Some typos were corrected, and modifications were done to increase consistency in terminology. Lastly, the manuscript has been edited to match BMC Family Practice guidelines for authors. The last version has been revised by a native English speaker.

We have uploaded a “track-changes” version of the revised manuscript, for transparency.