Author's response to reviews

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Dear BioMed Central Editorial Team,

We would like to re-submit for editorial consideration our revised manuscript entitled:

Family doctors’ involvement with families in Estonia (manuscript number 2461824504070107)

by Marje Oona, Ruth Kalda, Margus Lember, Heidi-Ingrid Maaroos, Heidi-Ingrid Maaroos.

We thank the reviewers for the critical remarks and valuable advice.

Please find the answers to the suggestions and comments of the reviewers.
Reviewer Anja Marjatta Taanila

Minor essential revision

1. Thank you for the remark. The mistake was actually in Abstract and it is corrected now. The correct sentence in Abstract is as follows: “Altogether 151 FDs responded to the questionnaire (response rate 64%)”.
Reviewer Mark J Yaffe

Minor essential revisions

1. Thank you for the suggestion! However, we feel that for including the questionnaire as an appendix in the paper, the questionnaire should be correctly translated and validated in the foreign language, and this is a complicated procedure and out of our financial possibilities.

2. We added a brief additional explanation, page 6, section 2, and also a reference to the methodology used (reference No 10) to clarify the issue.

Discretionary revisions

1. Thank you for the suggestion! We formed a random sample of FDs by choosing the name of every 3rd doctor, in alphabetical order, from the list of doctors who had passed residency or retraining courses in family medicine by that time in Estonia. This information is added to page 5, paragraph 2.
Reviewer Angela Taft

Minor essential revisions
We have changed the description of the method of forming the random sample, page 5, last paragraph as follows: In February 2002, the questionnaire was mailed to 236 FDs, a random sample of family doctors of Estonia. The random sample of FDs was formed by choosing the name of every 3rd doctor, in alphabetical order, from the list of doctors who had passed residency or retraining courses in family medicine for that time in Estonia (n=715).

Thank you for the following suggestions! We have made the changes as suggested. Regarding the figure for the response rate, the response rate was actually 64%, as 151 out of 236 responded. There was a mistake in Abstract, and this is corrected now.

Discretionary revision
The course on domestic violence and child abuse is a two-day course, and this information is added to the Discussion, page 11, paragraph 1.