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Title: Differences in family practice skills among primary care doctors: a survey of patients satisfaction in Thailand

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The Editor

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Dear the Editor:

Attached pleased find the manuscript entitled “Differences in family practice skills among primary care doctors: a survey of patient’s satisfaction in Thailand” The paper is submitted to be considered for publication as a research article BioMed Central Family Practice. It contains 1,655 words, 14 references, and 3 Tables. This paper has neither been published before, nor is being considered for publication elsewhere. This study received approval from the ethic committee of Committee of the Faculty of Medicine Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University and it conforms to the provisions of the Declaration of Helsinki in 1995 (as revised in Edinburgh 2000).

This research article is to support how family medicine training program help improving quality in primary care, patient satisfaction and why we need a postgraduate training program in Family Medicine in Thailand. The related paper was published in quality in primary care Volume 14, Number 1, February 2006 which is 'Specialists' perception of referrals from general doctors and family physicians working as primary care doctors in Thailand'. Family Medicine training program has been established in Thailand for 8 years, however, it is still questionable whether there are differences between trained and untrained family physicians. This paper will also help answer that question.

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Thank you for your consideration. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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