Author's response to reviews

Title: An intervention study to improve hand hygiene in the emergency department: getting to the point

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Improving hand hygiene compliance in the emergency department: getting to the point

Dear Professor Harris,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to resubmit our revised manuscript. We implemented the reviewers excellent suggestions attached the point by point reply and resubmitted the revised and we believe highly improved manuscript.

Reply to Alexandre R. Marra: no additional queries

Reply to Trinidad Dierssen Sotos:

- The reviewer wanted us to translate the new appendix.
- We translated the appendix to English.

- He asked for rewriting the power calculation.
- We changed it according to the reviewers` suggestion.

- The reviewer criticised the formatting error “Seite”.

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• We again apologize for that problem directly telling the editorial office and again we tried to overcome the problem.

• The reviewer wanted us to include a statement “that the results should be verified using an experimental study.”

• We included this issue.

Reply to Arjun Venkatesh

• The reviewer wanted us to include more description of the mentioned limitations.

  • We now describe the limitations more deeply.

  • He recommended “not concluding with “cost effective” which implies a type of study method and instead say efficient solution or something to that end.”

  • We changed the sentence accordingly.

• He wanted us to check figure 1 for typing and spelling errors.

  • We omitted the errors in the figure.

We thank you for your time spent on this matter

Kind regards

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