Author's response to reviews

Title: Awareness of breast cancer among adolescent girls in Colombo, Sri Lanka: a school based study

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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for your comments and corrections. We have addressed all the minor issues raised in this revised manuscript. A detailed description of the corrections is given below;

**Reviewer 1**

**But a better title should be “Knowledge about breast cancer amongst adolescent school children…………………..”**

The title was changed to its current form according to the advice of reviewers previously. We would be grateful if the Editor could kindly advise at to which title we should use. ‘School Children’ will be incorrect since the study included only girls.

**The authors should add keywords under the section on abstract**

Done

**There is a need to cross check the claim that breast cancer is the second commonest malignancy in males (Reference no 1). I have strong doubt if this is correct**

It is not correct. Thank you for pointing that out. Breast cancer ranks second when accounting for overall figures. Changes have been made

**There is need also to comment on consent procedure vis a vis acceptance to participate in the study**

Done (at the end of methods)

**Reviewer 2**

In general the paper has improved greatly. However, still I feel the paper needs some minor changes. I recommend the authors consult the following reference:


Thank you for this reference. It is now quoted in the article.

In addition the authors need to suggest ways to deal with the problem highlighted in the manuscript. I am sure the authors are aware that in most low and middle income countries even teacher and health care professionals have low literacy about breast cancer screening methods. For instance I recommend the authors (if they wish) consult the following references:


Thank you for these articles. We have made our suggestions to improve the breast cancer awareness among students and quoted the suggested references where relevant (paragraph 6 under discussion).

Thank you

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