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Reviewers had stated that the response rate of 25% of Canadian rheumatologists (128/510) was low. We would like to point out that this is the usual expected response rate from a survey...in fact a recent publication of a survey by the American college of Rheumatology of "ethical challenges in rheumatology" had a response rate of 14%, with publication in A&R October 2013.

In view of the groundswell of advocacy of herbal cannabis for medical reasons, we believe that the message that physicians lack confidence in their ability to competently advise patients is vital and should be an important part of the medical marijuana debate,

sincerely,

Mary-Ann Fitzcharles