Author's response to reviews

Title: Professional Use of the Internet among Saudi Arabian Dermatologists: A Cross-Sectional Survey

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Dear Professor,

Thank you for reviewing our article titled as "Professional Use of Internet among Dermatologists: A Cross-Sectional Survey".

Please, find below our responses to reviewers' comments:

**Reviewer 1:**

Compulsory changes:

1-The title has been changed as requested

2-The blank survey form was in English and is attached as appendix per request

3-Sorry, we forgot to mention that: The protocol for this study was reviewed and approved by the institutional review board at college of medicine, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This has been added at the end of methods section.

**Reviewer 2:**

- The information about general status of web-use in Saudi Arabia is unavailable.

- The look to the computer as a rival is a very valid point. However, when we encourage online consultation, we do not mean this should happen with every patient. In fact, you might need this for uncertainty regarding difficult case management (this might be the case for 1 or 2 patients per clinic).

- **Major revisions:** none requested

- **Minor essential revisions:**

  - For table 1 the gender and age of all Saudi dermatologists is not available to us.

  - Table 4 is deleted as suggested

  - Figure 1 is deleted as suggested
-Discretionary revisions:

As suggested, the median time is added (30 minutes)

Reviewer 3:

Major compulsory revisions:

1. The questionnaire will be added as appendix. There were no open questions in it.

2. We do not believe that there was significant bias. We have taken the questions and the potential responses from previously done studies.

3. Several senior colleagues were asked to examine the questionnaire before distribution. Also, there was a pilot testing on couple of dermatologists. No incentives given.

4. Electronic health records are not yet available in Saudi Arabia.

5. The ratio of male to female in Saudi dermatologists is not available.

I agree that there is a chance that those who attended the conference are more prone to professional development.

6. Those statements are omitted as per request

7. The differences that were insignificant were deleted.

8. The statement has been changed as requested.

9. Sorry, this information is not available to us.

10. The doctors should be trained how to search by expert medical librarians and evidence-based-medicine specialists.

Minor essential revisions:

11. It is 2000 (has been added).

12. The requested change has been done.

13. Figure 1 has been deleted as suggested by referee 1, I hope this will fulfill your request.

Discretionary revisions:

14. Changed as suggested.

15. I apologize. This is not added for the sake of keeping the article short.
16. This has been added by the end of discussion part.