Author's response to reviews

Title: Diabetes related knowledge among residents and nurses: A multicenter study in Karachi, Pakistan.

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Dear Editor & Reviewer,

Thank you very much for your valuable comments. Please find the answers point by point in reply to your comments.

Major Comments:

1. When we previously submitted the manuscript previous reviewer asked to further elaborate the method which we used to assess the scoring of the answers hence in our submitted manuscript we mentioned content analysis strategy which is based on categorization of both questions and answers. Since it was an open ended questionnaire, we received different responses for the same question. We feel that for qualitative scoring analysis of this type of open ended questionnaire require sophisticated analysis. We agree with the reviewer this content analysis is undoubtedly complex however as there were number of responses which were quite diverse the above mentioned method was used and as mentioned in the manuscript the later categories were again independently assessed by the study investigators and inter rater agreement was assessed.

2. The content validity was assessed keeping in view the training and curriculum of the residents and nurses. The questions were assessed keeping in view the training system and curriculum of residents and nurses to avoid asking unrelated questions.

Other Comments:

1. Lethal has been removed from manuscript.

2. The number of questions has been changed to 21. Since one question consisted of 2 parts so initially it was written 20 instead of 21.

3. In the Introduction, the sentence has been changed as advised by reviewer.

4. The word voluntary has been removed. Informed consent was taken verbally.

5. The whole process of questionnaire validation, administration, approach and selection has been described in Method section now.

Thanks & Regards,

Dr Asma Ahmed