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 and Reviewer,

Thank you very much for reviewing the study titled “Diabetes related knowledge among residents and nurses: A multicenter study in Karachi, Pakistan.

Please see the answers of the queries point by point in response to the comments.

1. The term content validity has been used because of the reason since team of experts outside the study team was set up to assess the relevance and clarity of the questions (page 10, Research design and methods). Though, no rigorous statistical tests were used. We also realize that this is also subjective means of validating and is not perfect.

2. During analysis, content analysis strategy was used for open ended questions. All the answers were read and then broadly classified into two categories (page: 13) and coding was done as correct (1) and wrong (0). The reason for using such technique was the fact that some of the answers were descriptive.

3. Since this was a KAP (Knowledge, assessment and practice) study only verbal consent was taken from the participants. In some cases of KAP studies informed oral consent may suffice. Ethical approval was taken from Ethical review committee of the institute before starting the study.

4. The recruitment process of the participants is explained from page number 11-12 in which the whole process of how the institutes were selected, their characteristics and inclusion criteria of the participant is explained (Research Design and Methods). I have tried to explain in detail the whole recruitment process of the participants.

5. **Answer to general Comment:**
Thanks for the comment. We’ve done the track changes and given description in comments with page numbers.

I hope it answers all the questions.