Author's response to reviews

Title: Trainees Own Perception of Delivery of Care in Diabetes (TOPDOC)
Study: Protocol and methods for a national survey of doctors in post-graduate training

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Dear Editor

Trainees Own Perception of Del... (Manuscript ID 1818553021354738)

The original letter that I put on the submission seems to have been misplaced. We believe our study protocol is of interest. Through the described methodology we have had approx 2400 completed responses which are currently being analyzed (>100,000 data points) for submission for publication in due course. We believe that this study is the one of the largest independent surveys of trainees’ knowledge and perceived training needs in managing diabetes. The results should inform the process of tailoring education to specific needs. This process is likely to be replicable in other specialty areas.

We have sought the views of our local ethics committee and it was felt that no formal ethics submission was required (see attached letter). The study was pump primed by a small grant from Sanofi Aventis but the study was funded by an audit award from the Association of British Clinical Diabetologists (letter attached) and as such, as per BMC Medical editorial policy, may be exempt from peer review.

I have asked that the processing fee be put through the Glasgow University institutional account given that I have an honorary senior clinical lecturer contract with them and work in the University Medical Unit.

Yours sincerely

Gerard McKay, on behalf of the TOPDOC team