Author's response to reviews

Title: Big Fish in a Big Pond: for Medical Students; a study of academic self concept in first year medical students

Authors:

Kirsty Jackman (kirsty.jackman@iinet.net.au)
Ian G Wilson (i.wilson@uws.edu.au)
Marjorie Seaton (m.seaton@uws.edu.au)
Rhonda G Craven (r.craven@uws.edu.au)

Version: 5  Date: 15 June 2011

Author's response to reviews:

Dear editor
I have corrected the superscript reference -my apologies for missing it on previous occasions.

As for the layout of the paper, as I have stated previously this paper reports two separate but related studies and does not fit into your outline. However each study does. WE feel very strongly that to fit your rigid outline will destroy the flow of the results and discussion.

Study 1 is a quantitative study and the paper is presented in the requested form. Study 2 is qualitative and the discussion arises from the results and they are linked closely. It is not possible to fit this into the form requested.

The two studies are drawn together in the final conclusions.

Regards
Ian Wilson