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Title: Development and evaluation of a questionnaire to measure the perceived implementation of the mission statement of a competency based curriculum

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Dear Dr. Ponnamperuma!

We are very pleased about your positive vote regarding our paper. Again, many thanks for your constructive help for improving the manuscript.

We agree on your suggestions and have included the three recommended alterations in the abstract concerning title, background and methods.

Sincerely yours on behalf of all authors,
Thomas Rotthoff
Editor

1. *Rewriting the abstract.* You were right as to the lacking accordance of the abstract with the revised version of the manuscript. We therefore thoroughly reformulated the abstract to reflect the changes we made to the manuscript more clearly (cf. pp. 2-3).

2. *Answering the research questions / aims.* As requested, we are now also answering the research questions - stated in the background section of the abstract - in the conclusions (cf. p. 3).

3. *Including Mission Statement (MS) in the manuscript.* We included the MS as a text box in the manuscript (cf. p. 6).

4. *Last paragraph under “Background”.* Thank you for your clarification. We now moved the last paragraph from background to the methods section (cf. p. 7).

We also added the term “competency” for further clarification in the main text (cf. p. 5, second paragraph): “The goal of the present work was the development and psychometric evaluation of a method in the form of a questionnaire derived from an MS focusing on explicit competencies which can enable (…).