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Title: How to develop an evidence-based curriculum in undergraduate palliative care education: a phase II exploratory trial for a complex intervention

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Dear Dr. Blue,

Thank you very much for this opportunity to send in a revised version of our manuscript after having received valuable reviewer feedback. We read the reviewers feedback en detail and we held three author team meetings to revise our manuscript in reaction to the different aspects that have been suggested.

One of the major revision aspects mentioned by both reviewers concerned the length and focus of this paper. We decided to substantially shorten the original manuscript and move parts of the data that we would like to make available to other researchers in our field into the additional files section from where they can be downloaded if interested.

It is a major critique in curricular development literature that details concerning the explicit content for proposed interventions or programs are often missing. We therefore want to provide the interested reader with the manual and details of our curriculum, albeit in an online version. We hope that this step is an improvement in terms of clarity and focus for the reader of the main document.

Apart from a number of very helpful and valuable comments, which we addressed in detail (see table 1 and 2 below), we were also advised to improve the level of English in our submission. We would like to express our apology if this caused any inconvenience during the reviewing process. We have resend our final revised version to a native speaker and an interpreter’s office and we hope that these steps have led to further quality improvement in using English as a foreign language.

The following two tables give an overview of where to find the respective amendments in our revised manuscript version.
We hope that our efforts have been successful in convincing you to further proceed with the publication process. Thank you very much for your editorial assistance so far. With the very best wishes from Dusseldorf, Germany, on behalf of the author team

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