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Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to submit our article “Defining Professionalism: Differences by Gender and Institution” for your review. Our study is based on original research, has never been previously published and was completed without financial support. Our authors have no financial relationships to disclose.

Our study sought to better understand first year residents' perspectives and experience with professionalism issues. The study reports data analyses for gender and institution based upon survey results in 2009 and 2010. Through the analyses of these data we discovered differences by both gender and institution. These differences suggest the need for tailored teaching and assessment of professionalism at the institutional level.

On May 21st, 2013 revisions were requested before the review process could begin. Revisions made to this manuscript are as follows.

1. A title page including authors' names, institutions, countries and email addresses was included. Also included on the cover letter was the full address of the submitting author.

2. A section detailing any competing interests of the authors was added after the Conclusion section.

3. Author contributions were described and incorporated into the manuscript after the competing interests section.

4. A statement describing the participants consent process with included in the methods section.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

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