Author's response to reviews

Title: Facilitators' Influence on Student PBL Small Group Session Online Information Resource Use: A Survey

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Re: MS: 6420133182886336

Title: Facilitators' Influence on Student PBL Small Group Session Online Information Resource Use: A Survey

Jane Borthwick
Assistant Editor
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Dear Ms. Borthwick:

I have revised the above referenced manuscript per reviewer and editor comments. My responses to the comments are as follows:

Reviewer Comments:

General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Response: The reviewer provided no compulsory revisions.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Background
2nd last line of 2nd last paragraph: change PBL class to PBL tutorial.

Response: The change has been made.

Methods
2nd paragraph; About three-quarters down, replace PBI class with PBL tutorial.

Response: The change has been made.
Results: 2nd paragraph. Should a reference to Table 1 not go into this paragraph?

Response: A reference has been added.

Table 3. Reflects Mean Ranks but text has mean ratings. Table 2 has both, so might be appropriate to use both in Table 3.

Response: Both tables now have both mean ranks and mean ratings.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore) If these are undertaken, the manuscript should be fine to go to the editorial team.

Response: The reviewer provided no discretionary revisions.

Formatting changes requested.

- The figures should be cropped to minimise white space around the image. Our online figure cropping guide may be of some help, and can be viewed here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/cropping

Response: There are no figures in the manuscript, only tables that have been moved from the text to the end of the manuscript.

Title page - This should include the following: the manuscript title and the full names, affiliations and email addresses for all authors. The corresponding author should also be indicated. Please remove the headings "title page" and "title".

Response: The changes have been made.

Qualifications - Please remove the authors’ qualifications (e.g. PhD) from the title page.

Response: Authors’ qualifications have been removed.

Title - Please remove all unnecessary capitalisation, from both the manuscript file and the submission system.
Response: Capitalization has been removed as requested and described in follow-up email of June 2, 2004, 10:49 a.m.

References - In the manuscript text, please place the reference before the full stop.

Response: The references have been placed before the period.

Manuscript - Manuscript sections should include (in the following order, and without major breaks): Abstract; Background; Methods; Results; Discussion; Conclusions; Competing interests; Abbreviations (if any); Authors' contributions; Acknowledgements; References; Figure legends; Tables (if any) Description of Additional files (if any).

Response: The section sequence has been revised accordingly.

Tables - Please note that these must be on separate pages at the end of the document.

Response: The tables are now on separate pages.

Thank you for your assistance and very thorough review. I look forward to seeing the manuscript in (virtual) print.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Reznich, PhD