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Dear Editors at *BMC Medical Education* –

We are delighted that you find the revised version of our manuscript (MS: 1828656424736321) satisfactory in meeting the referee’s criticisms. We have found the review process to be very helpful in allowing us to improve our manuscript. In the version we are currently submitting we have tried very hard to address all the formatting changes you have requested us to make. Nevertheless, there is the possibility that we overlooked something. If there is anything that needs further attention we will be happy to attend to these as quickly as possible. Below is a point-by-point enumeration of the changes to format that we made.

**Formatting Changes:**

1. **Title** – we have removed all unnecessary capitalization from the title and from all subtitles in the uploaded text document. We have also made these changes in the submission system.
2. **Title in brief** – this has been removed
3. **Affiliations** – we have updated all affiliations
4. **Submitted to BMC** – we have removed all ancillary information from the manuscript text
5. **Punctuation** – We carefully checked our punctuation and removed the apostrophe in “arm’s” that was accidentally used… we have also checked the remaining document for unnecessary or incorrect punctuation.
6. **Section heading** – we have used sentence case for all headings and sub-headings and removed all unnecessary capitals.
7. **[see 31 and associated commentaries]** – we have changed this as requested on pg 14
8. **Authors contributions** – we changed to “Authors’ contributions” as requested
9. **Equal contributors** – we now put this on the title page as requested. We also have it listed after the text and before the references since this is how we see the formatting on other articles published in BMC Medical Education.
10. **Competing Interests** – we have now stated that “The authors declare that they have no competing interests.” We have read all questions regarding competing interests and answered “no” to all.
11. **reference 5** – we reformatted this to agree with BMC Medical Education style.
12. **correct abbreviations** – we have checked all abbreviations of journal names and have edited them to agree with Medical Education style
13. **reference 12** – we have now included the journal name.
14. **Figure 1** is now Table 1 as requested. It is now pasted after the references in the manuscript file. We have also deleted the figure legend.
15. **A few very minor changes to grammar were made in the text** (in order to correct typos, minor errors in grammar or awkward grammar). The editors asked us to read the text to look for such errors.