Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors affecting medical students in formulating their specialty preferences in Jordan

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Dear Ms Moylan,

Thank you for your e-mail of the 16th January with the attached expert reviewer’s comments regarding the above manuscript.

As suggested, we have followed the reviewers’ instructions and have addressed all the important comments in the revised manuscript and wish to respond point by point to their valuable concerns.

**Reviewer 1**

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Some more up to date references have been incorporated. Reference 3 is cited in the text.
2. (Table 1). The p values are indicated by a footnote.
3. (Table 2). The title of the table has been made clearer.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. (Page 6) The meaning of the sentence ‘The specialties of radiology, psychiatry, public health, family medicine, basic sciences and ENT were less attractive to most students.’ has been clarified.
2. The phrase ‘none of’ has been changed to ‘no male students’ in all places.
3. (Page 9 line 3) ‘it self’ has been changed to ‘itself’.

Discretionary revision
1. (Table 1) The p values are now indicated by a footnote.
2. Figure 1 has been deleted.

Major compulsory revision:
1. The point about the potential bias as the questionnaire was administered once, to those students who were present at the time has been covered in the discussion section.
2. A brief explanation about the medical education system in Jordan has been added to the introduction section.
3. The ”payment system” has replaced by ”means of university financial support”.
4. References 18 and 19, page 10, and citation 25, page 11 have been re-explained.
5. Page 11. The advantages of primary have been supported with reference [26].

We wish to submit this paper for further review, as suggested, and wish to take this opportunity and thank the reviewers for their most valuable comments indeed.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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