**Author's response to reviews**

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Re: An assessment of functioning and non-functioning distractors in multiple-choice questions  
(MS 6733148332571344)  

Dear Professor Norton:  

Further to the editorial decision on the above cited manuscript, we have made the further editorial revisions and are resubmitting the final version of the manuscript. Below you will find the detailed responses to the editorial comments.  

Sincerely,  

Marie Tarrant RN MPH PhD
Response to Reviewers

Major Revisions:

Title - please ensure that the title is identical in the manuscript and the submission system

Response: The title in the submission system has been modified to match the title of the manuscript.

Author list - Please remove the job titles from the list of authors (e.g Dr / Professor). You may wish to include an About the Authors’ section after the authors’ contributions.

Response: This has been done. We do not feel that it is necessary to add an “About the Authors” section.

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Response: The tables have now been formatted to fit A4 portrait page. There are no additional files for this manuscript.

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'Functioning and non-functioning distractors' - Please remove this text from the head of every page.

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Response: The qualifications have been removed from the manuscript but I am unable to find where they are recorded in the submission system. In the ‘author details’ section, there does not appear to be any qualifications entered.

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