Author's response to reviews

Title: Residents' Perceptions of a Night Float System

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Dear Dr. Pafitis,

Thank you once again for your continued interest in our manuscript, “Residents’ Perceptions of a Night Float System.” Attached to this cover letter are our responses to the reviewer’s comments on our revised paper.

We hope that this revised manuscript is now deemed suitable for publication in BMC Medical Education.

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer’s Comments:

1) The words "shift work mentality" continue to be mentioned on page 9, Item overall satisfaction, 7th line of the second paragraph.

We agree that the term is slightly confusing, and have therefore removed it from the revised manuscript.

2) On page 11, 5th paragraph of the conclusions (that started on page 10), still is mentioned the word "attitude", to explain why the night float system was preferred by the residents. Attitudes were not evaluated in this study.

We appreciate the suggestion, and have changed the word “attitudes” to “preferences”.

3) Since socio-demographic data was not included in the evaluation of the outcomes, (the authors informed it was not collected), and this is a limitation of the study, this information should be included in the manuscript in the appropriate section (Limitations).

We have included this important information in the Limitations section (page 12).