Author's response to reviews

Title: Requirements for Guidelines Systems: Implementation Challenges and Lessons from Existing Software-Engineering Efforts

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Dear Editor,

We are grateful for the acceptance of our manuscript. We wish to thank the editor and the reviewers to help us improve this paper.

We have revised the manuscript and a related document in response to the comments from the reviewer. In the sections below we list the comments of the reviewer (highlighted in green) and our response, explaining how we responded (immediately after each comment by the reviewer).

On pages 20-21, section 3.7.1 could be improved. The authors can list the stages of the KCLM and explain better how ‘agile’ methodologies can improve the existing approaches covering the whole process.

We have complied with this suggestion. Since the stages of evolution of knowledge artifacts vary across system, these have been referred to only notionally. We have included a brief description of the agile approach and how it could relate to guideline development. Please note that the heading numbers do not apply, since we had to remove them to conform to the formatting guidelines.

On page 21, section 3.7.2 is called “Guideline repositories: organization of artifacts”. This section should be improved in order to include a reference to the artifact concept, which is not addressed.

We have included a brief explanation of the artefact concept in the previous section.

However, the authors can remove the subtitle because the content summarizes some commercial solutions to the guideline management of repositories.

We have removed the subtitle.

The supplementary file should be included and referenced as a table inside the manuscript

We have referred to the table in the text and are including this as a part of our submission.

Additionally, we have made several minor changes to conform to the BMC paper formatting guidelines, to remove typographical errors, to correct the outlining error in the previous submission and minor repositioning of text to enhance readability.
Sincerely,

Hemant Shah