Author’s response to reviews

Title: Participatory eHealth Development to support Nurses in antimicrobial Stewardship

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Dear editor(s) of BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making,

In this cover letter we would like to inform you about the changes that we made to our manuscript: 1111403499100976 - Participatory eHealth Development to support Nurses in antimicrobial Stewardship. We addressed the remarks that were made in the email we received on June 5 2013, sent by Ms Arlene Pura:

Editor request: “We would ask you to clarify whether you obtained approval for this study from an institutional ethical review board. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate”

Author response: As no ethical approval for this study was necessary under Dutch law, no such approval was obtained. We added the following phrase to the methods section on page 6: “All participants were informed about the study and signed an informed consent form prior to participating. Ethical approval for this study was not necessary according to Dutch law”

Editor request: “Competing interests. A competing interest exists when your interpretation of data or presentation of information may be influenced by your personal or financial relationship with other people or organizations. Authors must disclose any financial competing interests; they should also reveal any non-financial competing interests that may cause them embarrassment were they to become public after the publication of the manuscript. Authors are required to complete a declaration of competing interests. All competing interests that are declared will be listed at the end of published articles. Where an author gives no competing interests, the listing will read 'The author(s) declare that they have no competing interests (...).’”

Author response: All authors declare that they have no competing interests. We have added the section competing interests to the manuscript on page 25:

“Competing interests
The authors declare that they have no competing interests.”

Editor request: “Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/medicine_journals ). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.”

Author response: We have used the authors checklist and template as is available via the above mentioned hyperlink. We changed the capitalization of the manuscript’s title (capitalizing proper nouns), and changed the capitalization of the manuscript’s section headings and sub-headings (changed from all nouns capitalized to only first word capitalization).

In Table 1, we added vertical cell border lines.

We hope that with these adjustments the manuscript is now deemed fit for peer-review by the editors. Should this not be the case, we would be happy to address further concerns with the manuscript.

Kind regards,

On behalf the authors,

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