Author's response to reviews

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Waiting for a general control of the paper from a copy editor (see below) I have re-submitted the manuscript with some corrections of grammatical mistakes.

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Dear Ruth,
could you help me to find a copy editor? [I will pay for his/her collaboration].
A week ago I have submitted a manuscript to BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making. After the submission I have requested a comment to some researchers and I have just received this reply from a Professor at the University of Michigan.

Could you please advise the Editor/Subject advisers if it is possible to contact the reviewers after my next re-submission of the paper revised for the grammatical mistakes.

Best regards,
Marcello

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Marcello,
I have read the manuscript and have several comments and suggestions.
1) The system describe is fascinating and compelling. The data suggests that it has great potential.
2) The study demonstrates the acceptance of this system by patients, a necessary first step in its' potential adaptation in the clinical area. The next studies could be a) a demonstration of its' usefulness to patients and/or providers, and b) a demonstration of provider acceptance and use of the system. Such "next steps" in the development of the system should be addressed in either the Discussion or the Conclusion section.
3) There are many grammatical mistakes and poorly written passages in the manuscript, too many for me to list. These errors are a major problem. I would strongly encourage the authors to have someone assist in the rewriting of the paper (e.g., a copy editor or a copy reader). I think the WHOMS system represents an exciting new development for this field and the authors have conducted first-rate research. However, the presentation of this material needs to be improved.
My suggestion is to have the authors revise the manuscript and resubmit. I believe their research is important, but needs to be written better.

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