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Title: Handheld Computers and the 21st Century Surgical Team: A Pilot Study

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Dear Sir,

Re: MS: 1748906694566283 - Handheld Computers and the 21st Century Surgical Team: A Pilot Study

Thank you for considering our revised manuscript for publication in BMC Surgery. Although two reviewers were satisfied with the revisions, one had suggested further changes which have been made as follows:

1. In response to the reviewer comment that referencing of the literature was not comprehensive enough, we have added two references, namely Reference 4 (Cimino, NEJM, 2005) which discusses the use of PDA's with built-in mobile phones in clinical practice, and Reference 8 (Morrissey, Health Physics, 2004) which discusses the use of mobile phones in hospital.

2. We have removed any discussion of the results from the "CONCLUSION" section, and results are now all discussed in the "DISCUSSION" section of the paper.

3. We acknowledge that where we say that a weakness of other studies was that they were done in "controlled conditions", we mean that mobile phone research has been "lab-based" as opposed to "field tests". We also acknowledge that PDA research has been more "field test" based. This is reflected in the last paragraph of the discussion.

I hope that we are now successful in our re-submission and greatly look forward to your reply. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any further information that you may require. Please note that my address for correspondence has now changed, although my email address remains the same.

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