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Title: Family physicians information seeking behaviors: A survey comparison with other specialties

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Thank you for your help in moving this forward. The comments from the reviewers were very useful in clarifying several points. We responded to all suggestions as summarized below.

Reviewer 1

Clarity of the instrument - additional information was added to provide more detail about the items on the survey.
Reference previous work - additional reference added (Bennett et al)

Reviewer 2

How the survey questions developed - references provided to previous uses of survey.
Summary of the survey items - included in the methods section.
Number of family physicians in the US - those numbers are included. No information about non-respondents is available.
A table of all 17 items to be added - the length of such a table would be cumbersome. The three tables highlight the responses.
Confusion of wording about the survey instrument - wording changed to clarify.
Add Chi square values, degrees of freedom - done.
Pg 8, paragraph 2, line 4. The requested information was not part of the survey. Good suggestion for next time.

Discussion

No results about point of care use. We interpreted the use of palm computers as an available resource at the point of care. The wording is changed to be more explicit on this point.
Pg 8, paragraph 2 - no additional data is available.
Pg 9, paragraph 2 - the higher use of palm computers which are available at the point of care led us to think in these terms.

Minor revisions - all changes made on page 2,3, 4, 5 except additional reference to Ely which already appears at the end of the sentence.

Page 4, paragraph 2 - we hoped to generalize by age/gender as there is already information available that all physicians in the US have Internet access.
Pg 6, line 2 - rated for 'importance' - information inserted.
Pg 6, line3 - remove words - done.
Pg 7, line 3 - remove word - done.
Pg 7, line 7 - remove word - done.