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Dear Sir/Madam,

We have addressed the comments made to our manuscript as follows.

We have included a sentence about the name of the ethics committee:

“The study was approved by the Hospital Sant Pau Ethics Committee.”

We have also included the following paragraph about the power calculation used:

“We estimated a simple size of 600 respondents needed to answer our main objective (percentage of favourable responses towards EBM) of the survey in the family physicians group, with a precision of 4%. To obtain this precision we dichotomised the first item of the survey (being favourable or not to EBM) assuming maximum variability (50% of responses favourable to EBM). In the case of working group members and tutors we will be sending the survey to everyone included in the society database.”

Yours sincerely,

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