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Dear BMC Family Practice Editor,

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Attached, please find an amended version of the manuscript, along with our point-by point responses to the editorial comments provided below.

We are very grateful to the editors for their positive and helpful suggestions, and as such, feel that the quality of the manuscript has been significantly improved.

We look forward to the publication of our manuscript in your journal.

Yours sincerely,

Sameer Al-Ghamdi

Editor Comments:

Thank you for addressing the reviewers’ comments in this way. I hope you agree that this has strengthened the paper and I am pleased to accept it for publication.

We appreciate your input and are grateful to the reviewer for the helpful comments, which we feel have improved the quality of the manuscript. Below, please find details of how the comments were addressed.

1. Please list the email addresses for all authors on the title page.

Email addresses of all manuscript authors are now included on the Title Page.
2. Please revise "Ques-tionnaire" to "Questionnaire" in the title.

The word "Ques-tionnaire" has been revised to "Questionnaire" (title section, line 2, page 1).

3. Please ensure that the Abstract and manuscript sections match those listed in our guidelines: https://bmcfampract.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/research-article

The abstract and manuscripts have been matched to the journal guideline.

4. Please include a list of abbreviations used in the manuscript before the Declarations section.

List of abbreviations has now been included before the declaration section (page 10, line 228-232)

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