**Author’s response to reviews**

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Dear editor of BMC Family Practice,

Thank you for the option to resubmit our manuscript entitled: ‘Development and evaluation of a blended educational programme for general practitioners’. We believe that the reviewers’ comments helped us to improve our manuscript. Please find our response below this letter.

We changed the name of the variable urbanisation of practice in table 3. into location of practice. See Table 3. This is a more correct name.

We uploaded a marked copy of our paper highlighting the other changes we made by using tracked changes (‘Revised Manuscript Marked Copy’).

We think this paper is of particular interest to your readers, and we hope you reconsider our manuscript for publication in BMC Family Practice.
Response to the reviewers

Question 1. Please upload English language versions of all questionnaires developed specifically for use in this study as additional files. If the questionnaires are not yours or are already published by you, please supply references and/or links to them.

Answer: We uploaded English language versions of our questionnaires developed for this study as supplementary files 1 to 4. (See supplementary files 1 to 4) Also, we referred to these files in our manuscript. (See page 9, line 8 and 9)

Question 2. Please also detail the questionnaire validation procedures.

Answer: We included our questionnaire validation procedure in the method section. We added the following sentences;

To ensure content validity, the questionnaires were discussed with a senior epidemiologist who is specialised in medical education and GP training (NvD), a coordinator from the GP trainers educational program at the Department of General Practice at the Academic Medical Center of
the University of Amsterdam (AvdM), and a GP specialised in STI/HIV in primary care (JvB).
No further validation of the questionnaires has been performed. (See page 9, line 9 to 15)