Author’s response to reviews

Title: Aging-simulation experience: Impact on health professionals’ social representations

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Dear Mario Ulises Pérez-Zepeda,

We are pleased to learn that our manuscript « Aging-simulation experience : impact on health professionals’ social representations » (BGTC-D-19-00615R1) is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Geriatrics. This point-by-point response letter accompanies the revised manuscript and provides a detailed response to each point raised.

Editor Comments :
« I will be happy to accept this manuscript only after having enough evidence that this type of study does not need approval from an ethics committee. Mainly a waiver from the ethics committee of your institution. Having this, will be possible to move forward and accepting the manuscript. »

Detailed response :
As requested, you will find, attached to the manuscript, a letter from Professor Nathalie Brion, President of the CPP (Comité de Protection des Personnes) of Ile de France, specifying that this type of study does not require approval from an ethics committee. Indeed, the letter stipulates the following points :
« The CPP has taken note of your protocol entitled: « Aging-simulation experience: Impact on health professionals' social representations ». This is the evaluation of the effects of a pedagogical programme within the framework of university education. This study does not fall within the scope of application of the Law on Research Involving the Human Person (RIPH) and does not require the opinion of a CPP. (The CPP means Comité de Protection de Personnes. This is the name in France of ethics committees, nationally certified).

We hope that this letter will be appropriate.

Sincerely,

Julie Giner Perot