Author’s response to reviews

Title: "I did not know it was so important to take it the whole time" – self-reported barriers to medical treatment among individuals with asthma

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Dear Editor,

We thank the reviewers for the work they have put into reviewing our manuscript. The changes made are commented below. The line number refers to the line number in the originally submitted manuscript.

Reviewer #1

• Replace “performed” with “conducted” referring to the interviews. ACTION/COMMENT: We have changed to “performed” throughout the manuscript.

• Face-to-face interviews? ACTION/COMMENT: This has been clarified in the text, line 176.

• When providing quotes, insert more information in brackets (age, sex etc). COMMENT: We have followed the instructions of the journal about anonymity, but would be happy to provide more information if the Editor finds it appropriate.

• A statement regarding saturation. ACTION: This has been clarified in the Discussion section, line 468.

• More quotes about doctors’ knowledge and patients trust. ACTION: We have added one more quote (line 286) regarding doctors’ knowledge of English, but we think that even more quotes would put too much emphasis on this category.
• Did the participants understand the difference in usage and which inhaler to use? ACTION/COMMENT: We have added some information in line 179 to clarify this.

Reviewer #2

• Page 4, Line 82: Citation. ACTION: A reference has been added.
• Page 4, Line 84: Citation. ACTION: The sentence was moved to line 91 to clarify.
• Page 6, Line 134: Ethical approval. ACTION/COMMENT: According to instructions this was included at the end of the manuscript, but a sentence has now also been added in line 166 for clarification.
• Page 6, Line 135-143: Move to introduction and add a prevalence of asthma. Citation.

COMMENT/ACTION: Since most barriers are general, and not only specific for a Swedish context, we keep this section in the method. We have however added a prevalence in the introduction, line 85. We have also added a reference in line 143 as requested.
• Page 7, Line 159: Were all individuals asked to participate? Time for recruitment?
ACTION: We have added information in line 148 and 159.
• Page 8 line 210 and page 20 line 468: Was saturation reached? ACTION: This has been clarified in the Discussion section, line 468.
• Page 16 and forward: lack of development around the results and results found elsewhere.
ACTION/COMMENT: We have included the reference provided by the reviewer together with a reference identified in that paper. We have also elaborated the discussion further regarding our results. Since the reviewer highlights the term “themes” we have also included some more information in the methods section to clarify our analysis (page 8, line 205) and also added a section in the discussion about the method (page 20, line 467).

Regards,

Tove Hedenrud