Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors underlying surrogate medical decision-making in Middle Eastern and East Asian women: a Q-methodology study

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Dear Dr Smith,

We would like to thank you and thank the reviewers for considering our revised manuscript and for the nice and encouraging comments. The following is our response to the two minor points raised by reviewer one. A clean version of the manuscript is attached.

We hope that you will find the revised manuscript satisfactory.

Best regards,

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Background

* Aside from a couple of minor grammatical errors (e.g. Background is misspelled), which do not detract from the overall "readability", the background section is very well-written.
Authors’ response: Thank you. The typos are now corrected.

Discussion

* The authors' decision to include a subsection for implications is a good one. The only recommendation I have is to expand this section to include recommendations to your colleagues in education and clinical practice. Based on your findings, for instance, you might suggest that clinicians develop processes for eliciting patient and surrogates' perspectives regarding decision making and incorporate those into care. Authors’ response: Thank you. The following sentence is now added: “It is suggested that clinicians develop measures for eliciting both patients’ and surrogates’ perspectives to include them into the care and education of patients at risk for requiring surrogate decision-making and their potential surrogates.” (page 21, line 3 9-12).