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Title: Widening access to medicine may improve general practitioner recruitment in deprived and rural communities: survey of GP origins and current place of work

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Dr Malcolm Boyle,
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Dear Dr Boyle

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Thank you for asking us to submit a revision of this paper addressing the points raised by the handling editor. The paper has been reviewed and the following points addressed accordingly:

**Page 2, line 36.**
The sentence starting ‘2050 GPs’ has been changed to ‘A survey was sent to 2050 Scottish GPs’.

**Page 7, line 151**
The sentence starting ‘69% of responding GPs lived in Scotland at the time they applied to medical school, predominantly living in urban or accessible...’ has been changed to ‘There were 69% of responding GPs living in Scotland at the time they applied to medical school, predominately in urban or accessible...’

**Page 7, line 155**
The sentence starting ‘8.4% of responding GPs worked in a highly deprived practice, compared to 6.2% of all Scottish GPs’ has been changed to ‘In terms of practice characteristics, 8.4% of responding GPs worked in a highly deprived practice, compared to 6.2% of all Scottish GPs’

**Page 7, line 158**
The sentence ‘7.2% of those with a parent in NS-SEC1, worked in a highly deprived practice, compared to 12.7% of those with a parent in NS-SEC4’ has been changed to ‘Examining respondents with a parent in NS-SEC1, 7.2% worked in a highly deprived practice compared to 12.7% of those with a parent in NS-SEC4’

**Page 8 line 161**
The sentence ‘13.1% of responding GPs working in a remote practice compared to 13.2% of all Scottish GPs, and this was not associated with GP gender...’ has been changed to ‘There were 13.1% of responding GPs working in a remote practice compared to 13.2% of all Scottish GPs, and this was not associated with GP gender...’

Many thanks for your ongoing assistance with this paper.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Dowell on behalf of all the authors