Author's response to reviews

Title: What do they need to know? Achieving consensus on paediatric musculoskeletal content for medical students.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: “What do they need to know? Achieving consensus on paediatric musculoskeletal content for medical students”

Many thanks for your correspondence dated 14th April 2015 in relation to the above manuscript. I am delighted to enclose a revised manuscript taking into account the very helpful comments from the reviewers. Please find below a detailed account on how our manuscript has been amended.

1. Page numbers have been inserted.
2. The title page has been formatted with corresponding address removed and abstract started on the following page.
3. The full title of the Research Ethics Committee has been given along with corresponding reference number.
4. Reviewer 2 was concerned about the inclusion of medical students and educators in our focus groups and Delphi process. We have given further explanation to the role of different stakeholder groups in the following ways:
   a. Abstract page 2, line 21-23 further explanation of the Delphi process.
   b. Introduction page 4 line 19-22 explains that many doctors assessing children are not experts in musculoskeletal medicine.
   c. Detail about each stakeholder group is given in Methods, page 6 – 7 line 102 – 105 including the reason for medical educators and teachers.
   d. Reasoning for medical student inclusion is given in Methods page 7 line 111 – 115 and explanation given that they were all at the end of their child health rotations in page 8 line 174.
e. Within results page 9, line 188-193 wording has been changed to reflect the inclusion of students and the role of students and experts.

f. Within discussion page 11 line 241 – 242 a further sentence has been added to justify the use of medical students and link with current curricula.

I hope you will find these changes satisfactory and very much look forward to hearing from you again in the near future. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

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