Author’s response to reviews

Title: Self-reported needs for improving the supervision competence of PhD supervisors from the medical sciences in Denmark

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Chunfang de Zhou (Reviewer 1)
No suggestion for improvement

Gina Wisker (Reviewer 2)
Suggestion for improvement:

Comment 1: The specific issues associated with a medical context still need some attention.

Author reply:

We think, that what the reviewer says here, when asking about more attention to the medical context, is requesting a sharper focus on the clinical setting. In our previous revision of the manuscript we have defined clinical as “…the unique setting defined by patient involvement in a broad sense.” (p. 6). We can see, that clinical setting and medical context could be focused even more, and therefore we have rephrased and added the following:

P. 1 Title: Changed Health Sciences to Medical Sciences

P. 2 Abstract: Added “…with a special focus on supervision of PhD Students with a medical background.”

P. 3 Keywords: Exchanged Enhancement with Medical Context
Background: Through this study, we have seen that supervisors of PhD Students in the Danish medical context report distinctive challenges caused by the circumstances related to doing research in a clinical setting and the fact that medical students in Denmark have little training in academic writing. Supervisors at the Graduate School of Health and Medical Sciences, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, report that they struggle to deal with these challenges amongst others.

Setting: …a medical setting from

Special needs for PhD supervision within the clinical setting: …medical doctors in Denmark

Challenges in the Clinical Setting: …mainly those with a medical background-“, “…within this specific setting” and “and this has consequences for the PhD students”

Conclusions: …in the medical context” and cultural settings

Comment 2: The major issue is the overall need for proofreading.

Author reply: The revised manuscript have been proofread by America Journal Experts.

All corrections are marked in the manuscript