Author’s response to reviews

Title: Enhanced hospital-based learning at a medical school through application of management principles - a case study

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise the paper MEED-D-16-00620

We are grateful for the professional reviewing of our manuscript. Below you will find point-by-point responses to the comments stated by the editor and the reviewers, and performed changes denoted by track changes in the attached version of the manuscript. We really think that the manuscript has improved by the valuable suggestions from the reviewers.

The revised manuscript has been seen and approved by all authors and all authors have taken due care to insure the integrity of the work. We do sincerely hope that you find the paper suitable for publication in BMC Medical Education.

Sincerely Yours,

Anna Kiessling, on behalf of all authors

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Editor Comments:

Before final acceptance, I will request that you have a professional proofreader go through the manuscript, so that attention is not just paid to grammar, but also to the comprehension of content that is worthy of an academic manuscript. Kindly provide evidence that this has also taken place.

Answer: The professional proof-reader service Accent have gone through the manuscript paying attention to grammar and comprehension, please see attached certificate (referring to the manuscript version Kiessling 170716). In accordance to their advice we have conducted several corrections of grammar and also some clarifications to increase the comprehension of content, further we have decided to change the title to: ‘Enhanced hospital-based learning at a medical school through application of management principles – a case study’. Please see the version of the manuscript with track changes.

Some minor comments:

1. Kindly delete the text "to become a professional physician" from the background as it is of no added value to the content that follows

Answer: The main part of the paragraphs of the text handling with how “to become a professional physician” has now been omitted. However, we kept the last part with clarifications of and references to the community of practice concept because this is discussed in the discussion section. Further we have omitted the subheadings in the background section. See background paragraph two.
2. Also kindly pay attention to your re-submission letters as it is awkward citing the name of a different journal when resubmitting to BMC medical education - "The revised manuscript has been seen and approved by all authors and all authors have taken due care to insure the integrity of the work. We do sincerely hope that you find the paper suitable for publication in Advances in Health Science Education"

Answer: We do really apologize for this inexcusable mistake. The cover letter is corrected.