Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks again for the constructive review of our manuscript entitled Medical School Clinical Placements – The optimal method for assessing the clinical educational environment. A graduate entry perspective.

A point-by-point response to the comment has been included and revisions have been made to the manuscript where indicated. A clean manuscript has been submitted.

We are very pleased with the opportunity to provide a revised manuscript to consider for publication in BMC Medical Education.

Many thanks again,

Sincerely
Editor Comments:

1) Ethics and Consent

Although it has been stated that the heading 'Ethical Approval and Consent to Participate' has been included, this is still missing. Please ensure the heading is included. Also as you have stated

'The ethical review committee found that as an anonymous questionnaire was used that signed consent was not required as completing the questionnaire implied consent of the participant'

Please ensure this information is included within the ethics and consent section to clearly state ethical waiver of consent.

Response:

The heading ethical approval and consent to participate is a sub heading under the methods section (page 5, line 14). Does this require a heading of its own rather than a subheading?

The line ‘As an anonymous questionnaire was used, signed consent was not required as completing the questionnaire implied consent of the participant.’ Has been changed to ‘The ethical review committee found that as an anonymous questionnaire was used that signed consent was not required as completing the questionnaire implied consent of the participant’