Author’s response to reviews

Title: Choosing a career in oncology: Results of a nationwide cross-sectional study

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Dear Editor,

We thank you for the consideration you have given to our article entitled, ‘Choosing a career in oncology: Results of a nationwide cross-sectional study’.

We thank the reviewers for their comments which have permitted us to improve the content of the manuscript.

Please find below the detail of the amendments that were made.

Best regards.

Jean-Christophe FAIVRE, on behalf of all the co-authors.

Lines 106, 243, 347, 617, 794: The meaning of "humanism - richness human relations" is unclear. Please expand/re-word/elaborate.

We have re-worded ‘humanism - richness human relations’ by ‘the richness of human relations’. We have removed the term ‘humanism’ which is a philosophic term which is too abstract in scientific paper. The richness human relations mean the set of interactions between caregivers, patient and his family. They are based on the links which exist between people and who occur
through a communication which can be verbal and nonverbal. We have added this explication in the manuscript.

Line 243: The meaning of "transversal aspect" is unclear. Do you mean the wide range of knowledge/skills/subspecialities/practice? Please expand/re-word/elaborate.

Lines 320, 347, 457-458: Again, the meaning of "transversal aspect" and "richness of human relations" is unclear. Please clarify.

The transversal aspect of oncology mean the wide range of knowledge/skills/subspecialities required to practice oncology. We have added this explication in the manuscript.

There are some minor suggestions below:

We have corrected suggestions below.

Line 128: There is an extra space at the end of "3 years" and the comma. ok

Line 129: "Enroll" is spelt incorrectly. ok

Line 129-130: The sentence should be reworded to read "...and choose a specialty and a medical school... to complete their internship according to their ranking position". Medical school also does not need to be capitalised. ok


We re-word the sentence with ‘its our funding’

Line 154: Medical School does not need to be capitalised. ok

Line 155: "aren't" should be lengthened to "are not" in line with conventional academic writing. ok

Line 178 and 179: Please expand the abbreviations DES and DESC in their first appearance in the manuscript. ok

Line 278: There is an extra space at the end of "full-time" and before the comma. ok

Line 289: There is an extra space in "Ph D". Please remove. ok
Line 321: "Most residents would like to make a rotation…". Perhaps this would be better written as "Most residents would like to undertake a rotation…" ok

Line 339: Please remove "An". Reword this same sentence as not all young oncologists participated in this study. Consider rewording to "Another strength of this study is that a wide range of young oncologists…" ok

Line 349: The sentence "There is no difference for the ECN training…” does not read well. Please re-word.

We have re-worded the sentence

The ECN [Epreuves Classantes Nationales] ranking, family and geographic ties were not determining factors to practice oncology.

Also, what does "ECN" stand for? This was not previously spelt out in the text above (only in the Table/Figure footnotes). It is not spelt out till line 361-362.

ECN [Epreuves Classantes Nationales]. Students can enroll in national ranking exams (called ECN) and choose according to their ranking position a specialty and a health region assignment to complete their internship.

Line 353: "physician patient" requires a hyphen between the two words. ok

Line 374: "… accommodate residents' training projects, more resources" - there should be an "and" rather than a comma between "projects" and "more" ok

Line 375: "dedicated" is spelt twice here. Please correct. ok

Line 372, 376, 377: "Medical School" does not require capitalisation. ok

Line 378: "wasn't" should be lengthened to "was not" in line with conventional academic writing. ok

Line 378-381: These two sentences could be better written to make it easier for the reader to understand the meaning. Please consider re-wording.

We have re-worded the sentence

Obtaining a post-residency position was not a major determining factor to spend an internship outside their assigned region while it is a way to make itself known of a potential recruiter. In the same way, family or geographical ties were not majors determining factors although it would seem natural.