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Dear Dr. Messin,

Re: MEED-D-19-00058

Perfecting practice: A protocol for assessing simulation-based mastery learning and deliberate practice versus self-guided practice for bougie-assisted cricothyroidotomy performance

Thank you for your timely review. We are grateful to the reviewers for their thoughtful feedback. We have amended the manuscript accordingly and below you will find the detailed response to each reviewer/editorial point raised.
1. Please ensure the Abstract is formatted in accordance with BMC Medical Education Submission guidelines (https://bmcmededuc.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/study-protocol) - Background, Method, Discussion

RESPONSE: We have amended the following: ‘Introduction’ was changed for ‘Background’ (page 2, line 2), ‘Objective’ was removed (page 2, line 12), ‘Design’ was removed (page 2, line 14).

2. After changing the abstract please ensure that the abstract in the article PDF and the one uploaded separately to Editorial manager match.

RESPONSE: This has been now been completed.

3. Please include, under the heading 'Ethics Approval and Consent to participate' which stats the nature of consent that the participants will provide in the final study. If this consent is not informed and written please justify why.

RESPONSE: The sentence “Written informed consent will be obtained from all participants” has been added (page 15, line 13).

4. Please include, under the 'Authors' Contributions' declaration a statement to the effect that all authors have read and approved the final manuscript.

RESPONSE: The sentence “All authors read and approved the final draft of this publication” has been added (page 15, line 9).

Thank you for considering this manuscript for publication.

Sincerely,

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