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Dear Sir:

We are very grateful to you for the comments on the 2nd revised version of our manuscript. This letter represents our response to the editor’s comments about our paper. We carefully considered all suggestions by the editor and submit a 3rd revised manuscript. We highlighted with red color all changes made in the revised manuscript. Please find below a point by point response to editor’s and reviewer’s comments and clarify the important points of your main concerns. We did our best to revise the 1st revised manuscript according to the constructive advice of the peer reviewers. We believe these actions address the deficiencies and comments noted by the reviewer. We hope that you will be pleased with this revision and the revised manuscript is accepted and published in your esteemed journal, the ‘BMC Medical Education” for publication. We thank you again for the constructive review by the editor and reviewer.

Sincerely yours,

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Q1. In the sentence "After viewing the video feedback, a small percentage of students did not newly agree their CPX scores of 'acute abdominal pain' and 'delivering bad news' sections" What "newly agree" would mean? Please rephrase the sentence to clarify the message. The same happens with the sentence "Most students agreed to their score after they watched the video, although a few students newly disagreed after seeing the video" what is the meaning of "newly disagreed"?

A1. Thank you for your comments.

In order to clarify the meaning, we modified the part as below:

"After viewing the video feedback, a small percentage of students did not newly agree their CPX scores of 'acute abdominal pain' and 'delivering bad news' sections" ♦ Even though it was a very small percentage, some students agreed to their CPX scores of 'acute abdominal pain' and 'delivering bad news' sections before viewing the video feedback, but after viewing the video feedback, they did not accept their score unlike our expectations.

Most students agreed to their score after they watched the video, although a few students newly disagreed after seeing the video" ♦ “Whether or not students agreed to agree on their scores before video feedback, most students accepted their scores after the video feedback. On the contrary, although very few, some students initially accepted their scores, but were not convinced after the video feedback.”

Q2. We could not locate the answer to Reviewer's question 3 (Q3) quoting: [A3 - Yes. As your suggestion, we have amended those parts to make it more clearly including the following: “if the student does not agree to the feedback, then the feedback can be viewed as not feedback to the student.”]” ♦ “if a feedback is not accepted by those being evaluated, then it may not be useful to the student.”] in the revised manuscript. In addition, the sentence still unclear regarding its meaning, please rephrase it.

A2. Yes. Your pointing-out is right. When I last replied, I could not highlight with the red bold text the changes in the revised manuscript. This time, I highlighted properly it. Also, as you pointed out, I have amended the sentence more clearly as follows: “if a feedback is not accepted by those being evaluated, then it may not be useful to the student.” ♦ “like teaching and learning, the evaluator gives a feedback, and if the feedback is not accepted by those being evaluated, the feedback might be useless to the student.” (page 4, introduction section)
Q3. In the 'Funding' statement, please declare the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

A3. Yes, I have declared those descriptions in the “Funding” statement.

Q4. Please confirm whether informed consent, written or verbal, was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your manuscript. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure. If the need for consent was waived by an IRB or is deemed unnecessary according to national regulations, please clearly state this, including the name of the IRB or a reference to the relevant legislation.

A4. Yes. I have added the following sentence in the Method section: “Because we analyzed data retrospectively and anonymously by assigning each subject a distinct number, the institutional review board did not require informed consent from participants.”