Author’s response to reviews

Title: Trust in Group Decisions: A Scoping Review

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Dear Sir/Ma’am,

Thank you for your review of our manuscript “Trust in Group Decisions: A Scoping Review” (MEED-D-19-00110R3). My co-authors and I are pleased to resubmit our manuscript based on your feedback. Below we provide a description of how we addressed the comments and the location of the revisions.

1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

"Group Trust in the Setting of Competency Committee Decisions: A Qualitative Observational Study"

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This overlap mainly exists in the Background, Methods and Discussion sections.
While we understand that this is work that you have previously published, and some of the same ideas are contained in these publications, we would like to request that you reformulate these sections where possible and reference this publication in your manuscript.

1 (response): We have gone back through the manuscript and made changes to the Background and Discussion sections where we felt that there was a significant overlap of text. The Background section had been revised extensively based upon the reviewer comments, so we felt that this was sufficiently different from the article listed above. However, we changed some wording in the Theoretical Framework subsection because although we utilized situated cognition as our underlying framework for both papers, we wanted this section to have as little overlap as possible.

In regards to the Methods sections of both papers, we felt that these were sufficiently different given the different aims of each study. The paper we are submitting is a scoping review whereas our previously published paper above was a qualitative observational study of competency committee meetings utilizing the group trust model that we developed in this review. Given the differences in the two methodologies, we found minimal overlap in the Methods section.

Similarly, the two papers drew different conclusions in the Discussion sections, but we did find some overlap in the text. We changed some of the overlapping wording to make the papers stand more independently. We also cited the study above in the Discussion section where we talk about future directions of this research. While our observational research study was published prior to the scoping review, we conducted the research in the opposite order (i.e. scoping review followed by the observational study).

1 (location of revisions): Background section, third paragraph, first sentence; Background section, Theoretical Framework subsection; Discussion section, third paragraph, last sentence; Discussion section, fifth paragraph; Conclusion section.

2. Please include a statement in Authors’ contributions clearly indicating that all authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

2. (response): Completed.

2. (location): Declarations section, Authors’ Contribution subsection, last line.
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3. (response): Completed

3. (location): N/A, clean copy of manuscript submitted.

We greatly appreciate your further review of our manuscript and hope that the revisions we made to the paper as described above meet your expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

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