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Dear Editor

Re: Review of manuscript “Evaluation of Constructing Care Collaboration - Nurturing Empathy and Peer-to-Peer Learning in Medical Students who participate in Voluntary Structured Service Learning Programmes for Migrant Workers”

On behalf of the co-authors, we are grateful to you and the reviewers for their kind review and critique of our revised manuscript. We have made revisions as per the comments given. Our responses to each of the comments are indicated with a dash “–” prior to the text.

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We look forward to your favourable decision upon the review of the revised manuscript.

Yours truly

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