Author’s response to reviews

Title: nursing and midwifery students' attitudes towards principles of medical ethics in Kermanshah, Iran

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Dear Editor in-chief-of BMC MEDICAL ETHICS

Subject: Submission of revised paper

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript. We also greatly appreciate the reviewers for their complimentary comments and suggestions. We have carried out the necessary corrections that the reviewers suggested and revised the manuscript accordingly. Please find attached a point-by-point response to reviewer’s concerns. We hope that you find our responses satisfactory and that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

Sincerely,

Kahtony

Comment: There are many spelling etrrors in the article. For example some sentences are started with small letter. (E.g. page 4, Line 11…)

Answer: We made necessary corrections.

Comment: Please, revise your paper according to the BMC Medical Ethics Author Guidelines (double space, …) (You can see https://bmcmedethics.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript)
Abstract

Comment: The word "conclusion" should be start with capital letter. Please, edit the sentences at this section for better understanding by readers

Answer: done, we corrected as below:

Conclusion: all students in this study had a positive attitude towards the principles of medical ethics, and this is a valuable asset for clinical environments. To increase the generalizability of the study, further studies with bigger sample size on the students of various disciplines of medical sciences is recommended.

Background:

Comment: * Page 5 Line 11: " According to some studies, many physicians and nurses …. ethical information (12). "You are stated some studies, but use only one reference. Please, check it.

Answer: we corrected as below:

According to some studies, many physicians and nurses were unaware of major documents of health care ethics such as Helsinki, and most of them considered lectures, books and magazines as the main sources of ethical information(12,15,2).

Comment: Page 5 Line 28-31: "Units"Please clarify it. Did you mean local credit or section in the lesson? Page 6 Line 33-37: Please, edit the sentence.

Answer: we corrected as below:

In Iran, in order to promote professional ethics among undergraduate nursing students, a lesson is offered entitled "Professional Ethics in Nursing" in the form of 1.5 credit, and a lesson is provided for midwifery students, under the title of "Ethics and regulations of midwifery" in the form of 1 credit.
Methods:

Comment: * The semesters' years, in which the study was performed, are different at sections Research design (2013-2014) and Study sample (2014-2015). Please, check and revise it. Page 6 Line 41-45:

Answer: Done, as 2013-2014.

Comment: In this study, the content validity of the questionnaire was reviewed by 10 experts in order to correct the final verifications of the items. The reliability of the questionnaire was also re-evaluated using Cronbach's alpha, and the alpha coefficient of 0.82 was obtained." Please, insert the reference at the end of the sentence.

Answer: We provided reference, as below:

The validity and reliability of the questionnaire have been reviewed and approved. For this purpose, content validity method was used to assess the validity, and Cronbach's alpha method was estimated to evaluate the reliability of the questionnaire (alpha coefficient was 0.75) (2).

Comment: * Page 6 Line 47: Please, correct the word "minim" as "minimal".

Answer: done.

Comment: Procedure: Please, edit the first sentence of this section.

Answer: done, as below:

From March to May, Considering the educational schedule of students, the researcher attended the faculty and hospitals and conducted the sampling

Results:

Comment: This section is generally well written, but unfortunately seems to be the shortest main section of the article.

Answer: you are wright. That's right, but we've answered the question completely.

Comment: * Table 1 and Table 2: Please, edit the variables first letters of some. Some of them are capital or small. The table 1’s head should be "Comparing the mean scores of attitudes toward principles of medical ethics based on demographic characteristics". Please, insert the name of the statistical analyse used in the table at the end.

Answer: corrected.