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 ERHICS,

We are grateful to the editors and reviewers for their time and constructive comments on our manuscript. We have implemented their comments and suggestions and wish to submit a revised version of the manuscript for further consideration in the journal. Below, we provided a point-by-point response explaining how we have addressed each of the editors or reviewers’ comments. We look forward to the outcome of your assessment.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the co-authors

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1. Questionnaire

We note that you have stated in the Methods section that, ‘The Professional Ethics Questionnaire was developed by Motamed Jahromi and Dehghani (2014) based on their previous studies on this
issue, which aimed to assess the students' attitudes toward the principles of medical ethics in Iran.' Please provide a reference to the questionnaire.

Answer: we provided the reference at the end of sentence, as below. The validity and reliability of the questionnaire also have been reviewed and approved by Motamed Jahromi and Dehghani (2014).

The Professional Ethics Questionnaire was developed by Motamed Jahromi and Dehghani (2014) based on their previous studies on this issue, which aimed to assess the students' attitudes toward the principles of medical ethics in Iran. 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).

2. Motamed-Jahromi M, Dehghani S.L- Student's Attitudes toward Principles of Medical Ethics and matching them whit Islamic Ethics in Kerman University of Medical- Sciences. JBUMS. 2014; 16(7): 29-35 (Persian)

2. Consent to participate

In the Ethical approval and consent to participate statement of the Declarations, please confirm whether informed consent was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your manuscript. Please specify whether the consent was written or verbal. 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.

Answer: we obtained written informed consent from all participants. We mentioned to it as below in "Ethical consideration" and "declarations" sections:

Ethical consideration

Ethical Review Committee of KUMS approved the study with the code IR.Kums.rec.1397.1058. The written informed consent was obtained from the participants. All of the Participants were also assured of the confidentiality of their personal information.

Ethics approval and consent to participate
The study was approved by research ethics committee of Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences with the code IR.Kums.rec.1397.1058. The written informed consent was obtained from the participants.

3. Consent for publication

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Answer: corrected as below:

Consent for publication

Not Applicable

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In the Funding statement of the Declarations, please describe the role of the funding body/bodies in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Answer: we mentioned to the role of the funding body, as below:

Funding

no funding was received.