Author’s response to reviews

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Point-by-point response to reviewers’ comments

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We would like to thank the Editor and reviewer for very helpful feedback!

Revisions made

Addressing the Editor comments:
1. Consent to participate
Please add the statement, ‘Consent to participate: A researcher informed the class about the study and related procedures and asked students for their voluntary participation. Answers to questionnaires were considered voluntary participation’ to the ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ statement of the Declarations.

In this section, please also clarify whether the institutional review board approved consent procedure whereby ‘answers to questionnaires were considered voluntary participation.’

Response to Editor comment:
The statement about consent to participate is added as recommended.
There is no institutional review board at the Nord University, but a research management that approved the project.

2. Authors’ contributions – missing author HVB
We note that the contributions of author HVB are missing from the Authors’ contributions statement of the Declarations. The individual contributions of ALL authors to the manuscript should be specified in
this section. Guidance and criteria for authorship can be found in the online journal submission guidelines.

Response to Editor comment:
Contribution of the author HVB is added

3. Figure 1
We note that you have cited Figure 1 in the main body of text. However, the figure itself appears to be missing from the manuscript file. If you would like to include the figure with your manuscript, please ensure that it is uploaded. Otherwise, please remove the main text figure citation.

Response to Editor comment:
We have considered not to include the Figure 1. Reference in the text has been removed.

4. Clean manuscript
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Response to Editor comment:
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Response to reviewer comments:
• I suggest you have another read through, there are a couple of grammatical and punctuation errors to be corrected but it generally reads well.

Response to reviewer comment:
The manuscript is read and corrected to the best of our ability.

• Just one suggestion for an amendment: Table 1- the header should be made clearer through better logic - Suggest: NT% does not clearly relate to the data below as there should be an overall header "frequency", then the scale in the next line 'none', 'some' 'half', 'most', 'all' which is the measure that refers to data below. In addition, please state below this line the 'n/%' which refers to first the number of participants and then the %. This would be clearer for the reader? Presentation needs to be consistent, with n/% on one line or two- not mixed please.

Response to reviewer comment:
Table 1 is corrected to make it more readable