Author’s response to reviews

Title: Baseline Assessment of Patient Safety Culture in Public Hospitals in Kuwait

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Thank you for your response. We are pleased that our paper is potentially acceptable for publication at your esteemed journal. Kindly find below a point-by-point response to the requests made in your email.

1. It has come to our attention that within your Background there is significant text overlap with other publications, particularly:


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Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We checked the content of the manuscript and revised some sections in the background which we suspected to overlap with other manuscripts. If there are other overlaps, they might be in the methods sections and mostly pertaining to composite names, survey item names or specific analysis methods. This is a widely used tool and the composite names are lengthy which may be misconstrued as intentional overlap.

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The keywords are: patient safety culture, Kuwait, public hospitals, baseline assessment, benchmark, Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture

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Please note that we have a section as below in the original manuscript.

Consent to participate

Informed consent was obtained from all survey participants.

Should you find the need for an alternate wording/phrasing, we would be happy to comply.

4. Currently there are multiple tables titled table 1. Please ensure all tables are correctly titled and cited in the main text.

We had addressed this comment in the first response to reviewers and were surprised to see this comment in this round review as well. The titles in our version reflect the correct table number.

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colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Well noted and will be done as requested.

Thank you and looking forward to the next steps,

Regards,

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