Author’s response to reviews

Title: Development of the Patient’s Experience and Attitude Colposcopy Eindhoven Questionnaire (PEACE-q)

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Dear Editor,

We want to express our appreciation once more for reviewing our article: “Development of the Patient’s Experience and Attitude Colposcopy Eindhoven Questionnaire (PEACE-q)”. We have revised the manuscript conforming to the most recent comments of the Editor. The point by point response is listed below. We have not highlighted the most recent modifications in the manuscript in line with the Editor comment no. 8.

Editor comments:

1. Overlap

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular: https://pure.tue.nl/ws/files/32419461/20160915_Truijens.pdf

This overlap occurs in the factor analysis section of the methods. While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Answer > We have rephrased the abovementioned sections to minimise overlap.
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We note the corresponding author's email address given on the Title page of your manuscript differs from the email address given in the submission data. Please ensure the same email address is given for the corresponding author in both the submission file data and the title page of the manuscript.

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3. Abstract

Please include an abstract after your title page. Your abstract should include the following headings: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions, and should be no longer than 350 words. Please also include a keywords section, which should three to ten keywords.

Answer > The abstract is added after the title page and the keywords are included.

4. Consent to participate

In your “Ethical Approval and Consent to Participate” section of your Declarations please clearly state whether the consent obtained from the participants was written or verbal. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

Answer > A written informed consent was given by the individual participants. This information is added in the manuscript.

5. Availability of data and materials

Please revise your availability of data and materials statement in your declarations. The Availability of data and materials section refers to the raw data used in your study and presenting tables and figures is not sufficient to state that all data is contained within the manuscript and additional files. Please only use this statement if you have indeed provided all raw data on which your study is based.

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Answer > The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request. This statement was included in the manuscript.

6. Funding

In the Funding section, please also describe the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Answer > The funding body did not participate in this study. However, they did subsidise a video on colposcopy. This statement was included in the manuscript.

7. Cite all figures, tables and additional files

Please ensure that all figures/tables and supplementary files are cited within the text. Any items which are not cited may be deleted by our production department upon publication.

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