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 gratitude once again for the efforts of the Editor in improving our article: “Development of the Patient’s Experience and Attitude Colposcopy Eindhoven Questionnaire (PEACE-q)”. We have revised our manuscript according to the most recent suggestions from 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. 5.

Editor comments:

1. Ethics

Please clarify and state in the "Ethics and consent to participate" section of the Declarations whether the ethics committees approved the whole study or just the development of the questionnaire.

Answer > We have added the approval for the study of the medical ethical committee in the “Ethics and consent to participate” section of the Declarations.
2. Consent to participate

You have not stated whether consent was given in writing or verbally in the "Ethics and consent to participate" section of the Declarations. Please ensure this information is written in this section in the Declarations.

Answer > We have verified that the informed consent was written in the “Ethics and consent to participate” section of the Declarations.

3. 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 exists in the statistical methods factor analysis section. Please rephrase this section to reduce overlap.

Answer > The text of the “Factor Analysis” paragraph has been rewritten to reduce overlap. In addition, reference 17 and 18 were added, as the previous references were not correct.

4. Funding

We note this section is incomplete. The final sentence reads:

"The funding body did not participate in..." Please ensure this section is completed.

Answer > The abovementioned section was completed.

5. Clean manuscript

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