Author's response to reviews

Title: Identifying factors which enhance capacity to engage in clinical education among podiatry practitioners: an action research project

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Dear Editor

Re: Identifying factors which enhance capacity to engage in clinical education among podiatry practitioners: an action research project

Thank you for accepting the above paper subject to the revision as specified. Further to the reviewers instructions:

1. Response rate within the methods section of the abstract – shift to abstract Results.

   Response: changes made as requested.

2. Sentence structure example "A key factor in placement success is the role of the clinical educator, which can make a difference between a supportive placement in which learning is maximised and one in which the student becomes disengaged and potentially fails to achieve learning outcomes[2 to 4]". Suggest change to: A key factor in placement success is the role of the clinical educator. The clinical educator can make a difference between a supportive placement for maximized learning and one in which the student becomes disengaged and potentially fails to achieve learning outcomes[2 to 4].

   Response: changes made as requested. The team has reviewed the manuscript as advised and a number of changes have been made across the following pages: Page 5 three changes made to sentence length and structure; Page 6 two further changes made to sentence length and structure; Page 7 one change made to reduce sentence length; Page 8 one change made to reduce sentence length; Page
14 reduced sentence and increased clarity; Page 16 reduced sentence and increased clarity

3. Reference to: In this study – please state in our study, in our research or something depicting ownership so that the reader know you are talking about the study you are discussing or another within the literature.

   Response – I would like to clarify that you would like me to insert the first-person plural ‘our’ as the rest of the manuscript is written in third person. I feel the distinction is clear regarding ownership, but will change this if it is a barrier to publication. Currently, we have followed recent practice in the journal, but clarified when it’s our research by using ‘this’.

4. I agree the reinsertion of the paragraph assists the reader however it is still wordy with information. You have again mentioned that the scale has good validity however you have presented only the Cronbach’s alpha to support. I would remove the unnecessary information within this paragraph and condense it to a sentence at the end of the preceding paragraph. The scale has subsequently been found to have good to excellent reliability (Cronbach’s alpha 0.782–0.951) following piloting with podiatry clinical educators within 25 English NHS Trusts. (If there are any more clinimetrics add here and remove the aim as you have already presented it at the end of the introduction.

   Response: changes made as requested.


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7. Should just be PASW Statistics 18 not SoftWare and should be cited.

   Response: changes made as requested.

8. Limitations – 2nd line: First, the sample comprised of podiatrists….

   Response: changes made as requested.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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