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Thank you to the reviewers for their time in performing their task.

I have re-written the Background and Discussion/Conclusion orientating the ‘point of view’ more towards the educational environment itself. I have removed the 'dubious value' material and the Podiatric surgery historical perspective which was indicated to be an irrelevance.

Figures and tables include full data and reveal a comparison of the four subsections as well as highest and lowest scored questions. This does then give a comparison to podiatric surgery to other studies that have used the STEEM.

Discussion/conclusion expands on the possible differences with Podiatric surgery. The intimated influence on the HCPC statements has been toned down and only suggested that this could form a part of or contribute to these statements. I have included them s a table to allow the reader to have this context.

Kind regards