Author's response to reviews

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Reviewer: Tahir Khan
Reviewer’s report:
All the comments raised in last review are addressed. I have no further comments.

Quality of written English:
Needs some language corrections before being published.

Response: Thank you. The manuscript has been reviewed by a native English speaker and a few minor corrections have been made.

Reviewer: Marcia R Weaver
Reviewer’s report:

Minor essential revisions
I would like to note an aspect of one of my comments, which the authors may have overlooked, and a three suggestions for minor revisions.
Comment 3. The prescription data did include the name of the prescribing doctor. The authors should report this limitation and recommend that future researchers collect these data and look at the relationship between a doctor’s knowledge of prescribing practices and their actual prescription.

Response: We have added the following sentence to the limitations sections of the discussion (page 19):
In future studies researchers should consider collecting the name of the prescriber from each prescription, enabling further investigation of the relationship between self-reported knowledge and attitudes and actual practice at the level of the individual.

Abstract –
Page 5- line 2. Replace “almost all doctors” with “most doctors who reported training dates.”
Page 5, line 7. Replace “A diagnosis of common cold was mentioned” with “A diagnosis of common cold was the only diagnosis reported.”

Methods –
Page 9, line 40. Please add a citation for the relevant literature.

Response: We have made all the suggested changes in the revised manuscript.

Editorial review
Please remove the copy of the figure from page 26 as this has already been correctly uploaded as a figure file.

Response: We have now removed this figure from the main manuscript.