Author's response to reviews

Title: Sector switching amongst histopathologists in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: A qualitative study

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Re: Confirmation of minor corrections for Ruggunan and Singh Manuscript

Dear Editors,

In the second round of reviews, two of the reviewers (Sidat and Barsdorf) required minor grammatical and referencing corrections, whilst the third reviewer (Scribante) required no corrections. The reviewers did not indicate specific instances of incorrect grammar, repetition or minor referencing errors that needed attention. As such the authors reviewed the entire manuscript and used our discretion (and that of a copy editor) to identify and correct instances where these occurred. We have addressed these requests as follows:

Barsdorf’s Comments: Minor grammatical errors and repetition in the Introduction.

Authors’ Response: On page 4 of the article the sentence “The private sector serves ….access to its services” has been deleted as it was deemed repetitive by the authors. The paragraph that follows now begins with a new sentence “This is compounded by the fact that…. Sector” as it provides a context for the new paragraph. We have also deleted the words medical practitioners from the sentence ‘South African medical practitioners and medical specialists practice in the private sector’. We now use the words medical practitioners only as it is less repetitive. We have also attended to minor grammatical errors with the help of a copy editor. We have addressed grammar to make the manuscript more readable where possible. For example of page 7 we altered “…to see what patterns or themes were emerging…” to “…see what patterns or themes emerged”.
Sidat’s Comments: Minor corrections to be made in the references sections

This has been attended to and the new reference section follows the HRM for Health style sheet that was made available to us by the Editors.

We trust that these corrections meet the requirements of the editors and that the article will be published as expressed by all three reviewers.

Finally we would like to thanks the editors and reviewers for their valuable time and comments during this process.

Yours sincerely,

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