

Dear editor,

We are submitting for your consideration the manuscript, entitled "Constraints lead to opportunities for medical education in times of COVID-19 pandemic" with responses to the reviewers point by point.

**Reviewer A recommendation 1:** *The article has is well written, with the main ideas/reasonings well presented, and is timely. I endorse its publication as it is.*

**Reply:** we thank the reviewer for these nice words.

**Reviewer B recommendation 1:**

*Overall, the article is well written and the main message is clear. However I feel that the rather assertive tone used throughout this manuscript, particularly in the first paragraphs, is too strong to be used without substancial citation of literature.*

*I would recommend either softening the tone to better convey the degree of uncertainty that most likely applies to most assertions, or alternatively cite work that gives solid ground to the assertions. I would recommend work by Kerfoot, and Cook. There are also minor typos and grammatical structures that need correction or rewording.*

**Reply:** we are grateful to the reviewer for the careful and pertinent review of the manuscript. We considered all reviewer recommendations, that are highlighted in the text. References were included as suggested and minor typos and grammatical structure reviewed and reworded.

Yours sincerely,



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