

September 16, 2016

Dear Dr. Jin-Xin Kong,
Science Editor, Editorial Office
Baishideng Publishing Group Inc

Dear Dr Kong,

Thank you very much for the review of our manuscript number 28766 titled “Radiology Education in Europe: Analysis of Results from 22 European countries.” We are excited that the manuscript is publishable in the World Journal of Radiology.

Please see our point-by-point responses to the reviewer comments in the table below. If there is any additional material that we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,
Bhavya

Bhavya Rehani, MD
Assistant Professor in Residence, Neuroradiology,
Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging,
University of California, San Francisco
Cell: 650-550-0224
Email: Bhavya.rehani@ucsf.edu

Reviewer Comments	Response
Reviewer 02577402: This is a well-written paper regarding radiology education in Europe. The complete phrases of some abbreviations in the DISCUSSION should be given including IR, MSK. Also in the DISCUSSION, the authors used "less than <50% ". I think less than 50% or <50% is enough. Do not use "less than <50% ".	Accepted, changes made in manuscript page 9. - We used complete phrase for IR and MSK. - We changed “less than <50%” to “less than 50%”
Reviewer 00743118: 1. Revise the first line of the Table 3. 2. There should be a space before and after the characters such as “<” or “>” 3. Provide full words for the abbreviations “IR” and “MSK” in the 4th paragraph of Discussion.	Accepted, changes made in Table 3. - We revised the first line of Table 3 with abbreviations - We added a space before and after < and > - We listed full words for “IR”, “MSK”, and other subspecialties in the Table 3 legend, as well as in the Discussion text on page 9.
Reviewer 00506101: Perfect	Thank you very much!
Reviewer 00289479: I have just the following few comments for the authors. Abstract: Correct. Introduction Line 8. “A paucity of literature exists regarding the radiology education infrastructure worldwide”. Authors should include the pertinent references. Methods In the paragraph “Subspecialty residency training” authors should include a list of the distinct radiological subspecialties. Results Correct. Discussion “This creates a potential role for interactive e-learning teaching modules[5,6] and virtual education[7] to supplement education in a particular subspecialty for self-motivated learners”. Authors should also include as references the following two papers: Pinto A, Brunese L, Pinto F, Acampora C, Romano L. E-learning and education in radiology. Eur J Radiol 2011;78:368-371 Zafar	Accepted, changes made as below: - Introduction line 8: we added a reference [1] on radiology in France in the context of European radiology residency training. - Methods: we added a list of distinct radiological subspecialties on page 6 under “Subspecialty training”. - Discussion: Thank you for the Pinto et al and Zafar et al references, we have included them in the text and citation sections.

S, Safdar S, Zafar AN. Evaluation of use of e-Learning in undergraduate radiology education: a review. Eur J Radiol 2014;83:2277-2287

Reviewer 02682003: As the authors discuss, the European Society of Radiology have developed exams and courses to standardize education. EDiR courses should be cited in the discussion. Minor changes should be applied to improve tables readability.

Accepted. The EDiR is cited in the Discussion page 9. The EDiR is an examination to certify a standard of radiological knowledge deemed appropriate by the ESR for independent practise in General Radiology. No courses have been offered via EDiR to date. We have improved table readability as detailed in our response to Reviewer 00743118.

October 25, 2016

Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma
President and Company Editor-in-Chief
Baishideng Publishing Group Inc
8226 Regency Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588-3144, USA

RE: ESPS Manuscript NO: 28766

Title: Radiology education in Europe: Analysis of results from 22 European countries

Dear Dr Ma,

Thank you very much for the Journal Editor-in-Chief's review of our manuscript. Please see our point-by-point responses to the revision comments in the table below. If there is any additional material that we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

Yi Zhang, MD
Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Radiology, UCSF

Journal Editor-in-Chief's Comments	Response
Comment 1: I notice the Diploma of Radiology mentioned in the discussion, but it is incorrect to state that no courses are offered.	Thank you, we addressed this comment in the Discussion section (page 9 in the attached manuscript). The updated text is as follows: “The European Society of Radiology offers courses to help prepare trainees for the European Diploma in Radiology (EdiR) ^[15] . The EDiR, a certificate of excellence, helps standardize radiology training in the setting of varied certification methods across Europe as demonstrated in our survey results.”
Comment 2: The authors have failed to get responses from all countries, likely as a result of their approach to sending out questionnaires. ALL countries will have representatives through the ESR and RSNA, but no all countries will be part of the International Society of Radiology. This has potentially introduced some bias in the reporting of the results and probably deserves mention in the discussion	We addressed this limitation in the Discussion section (page 11 in the attached manuscript) “In addition, our survey response rate indicates that our results represent only a fraction of all countries in Europe, likely due to the approach in questionnaire distribution and collection. Our survey channels through the International Society of Radiology also may have introduced bias in selecting for countries that are its participating members.”