Response to comments on:
Development and introduction of a communication skills module for postgraduate students of ophthalmology

We would like to thank the writer(s) for the interest in the topic, intricately evaluating our article and the comments.\[1\]

We would like to share that communication skills (CS) training is yet not a global norm for undergraduate as well as postgraduate medical education programs.\[3-5\] Further, the CS trainings lack a formal structure with considerable variations in teaching methods as well as assessment.\[6,7\]

We do agree that our results are based on the lower levels of Kirkpatrick’s model of evaluation. In our own study, the students have expressed their concern that such one-time workshops may not lead to long-term behavioral changes, whereby the necessity of developing a longitudinal communication curriculum becomes evident, which ensures that students’ communication competencies are firmly achieved at exit levels.\[6,7\] Only very recently, the Medical Council of India has proposed a structured longitudinal program on attitude, ethics, and communication (AETCOM), right from the first professional year of medical training.\[4\]

Our module, designed for postgraduate students of ophthalmology, to be applicable to other fields and undergraduate students, may surely have to be customized.
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