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To: Standard Consultation
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Dear Sir/Madam

It is a matter of satisfaction and great hope that AHPRA has taken an initiative for relaxing the currently unrealistic standards of English testing for IMGs. To support this initiative, I would like to submit some facts from my own case as below.

1. I have been taking exam for the last couple of years and failing in one or the other part every time. For example, my grades as achieved in last three tests in the listening, reading, writing and speaking parts are 'BCBB', 'BCCB' and 'CBBC', respectively. My argument is that if multiple sitting had been allowed, I would have been practicing as a doctor by now. If the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners can allow for a cumulative result (since 2008) then why OET language assessing authorities in Australia are still sticking to 'simultaneity' of sub-tests. Therefore, I strongly support replacing the 'simultaneity of subsets' with a 'multiple sitting' option.

2. I also support the proposal of including more countries in the exempt list. All my studies from Year-12 through MBBS to post-graduation (Obstetrics & Gynecology) were in English medium. (For this I can provide certificate from the Dean of Medical College, if needed.). Furthermore, I have already passed the AMC -MCQ exam which all was in English! After passing such an important exam in English medium, where remains the need to pass an OET or IELTS?

I hope you will find these points in line with your thoughts.

I, along with many IMGs are look forward to an early action in this matter.

I would further urge you to implement this good decision retrospectively at least from the publication date of 'Lost in the labyrinth' to include cases that would have qualified a pass mark if multiple sitting had been the practice.

Thank you and congratulations for taking up this initiative.

Regards,

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