Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed a modified version of my Microreview manuscript “The Pocket Doctor – Laboratory Results Using A Smartphone”. To address the concerns and comments raised by the 3 reviewers, I made the following changes to improve and clarify the manuscript. It is my hope that these changes make the manuscript acceptable for publication in Microreviews in Cell and Molecular Biology.

Sincerely,

Allyson McFadden

Reviewer 1:

1. For the most part, I thought the comments made by Reviewer 1 were helpful in a way that allowed me to make my Microreview that much better than it was before. Their comment about paraphrasing my sources more throughout the microreview helped me tremendously.
2. The comment that Reviewer 1 made in regards to paraphrasing my sources a touch more, pushed me to go through the review and add a small amount more of detail when citing my sources. I did not agree with their suggestion of including more detail of what the device discussed in the review can do for the world, because the focus of the text I reviewed was strictly microbiology-based and less about pushing the product.

Reviewer 2:

1. I agreed with every comment that Reviewer 2 had in regards to my Microreview, and altered it accordingly so that the quality of my Microreview manuscript could be the best that it can be.
2. Reviewer 2 made a suggestion to change a sentence with a severe grammar error that I had not seen in the Recent Progress section. I changed it so that readers may understand more fully what I was trying to convey. Reviewer 2 also made the suggestion of changing shortened labels, such as “V” to “volts” and so on, so that readers can understand what is being said had they not had a scientific background.

Reviewer 3:

1. Reviewer 3 had some very constructive comments about how unfamiliar terms can be confusing to readers with no prior-knowledge over microbiology. Because

of this change, readers might be able to completely grasp what is being said in my Microreview.

2. I followed Reviewer 3's suggestion and defined a couple key terms that might be scientific world, but not to others. I laid out and defined exactly what microfluidics, microbes and a few other unfamiliar words meant which will hopefully raise the quality of my Microreview. I also changed a few grammar mistakes that they pointed out.