Dear Sir/Madam.

I am of the view that the wording of the 2009 version of the Code of Conduct is ethically sound and that the draft proposed code would put good medical practise at risk.

While it is important for all medical practitioners to exercise respect towards all of their clients, I suggest that such respect should not require acquiescence to any client's culture or beliefs that is contrary to good medical practice.

Medical practitioners ought to have the right to offer advice on the basis of medical truth even when that may be contrary to a client's views.

Please consider my view in your review of the proposed Code of Conduct. Thank you, Geoffrey Rees-Thomas