In Reply to “A Call for Better Methodology for Global Mental Health Educational Program Reviews”

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To the Editor:

We thank Drs. Marienfeld and Rohrbaugh [1] for highlighting the unique aspects of the Yale Global Mental Health Program. We agree that the web-based search strategy we used has important limitations. It is possible that a study design with multiple, potentially redundant streams of data collection (e.g., similar to that which has been employed to measure HIV treatment adherence [2]) might have greater sensitivity for detecting the range of opportunities available to psychiatry residents interested in global mental health. Such a study might include a web-based search protocol, a survey of program directors, and a survey of graduating residents, with prespecified algorithms to consistently reconcile the conflicting data we might get from different sources in a single pro-

gram. To our knowledge, such a study design, although appealing, has not yet been attempted.

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