Abstract

Histology is a core program at UBC Medical/Dental School. In conjunction with lectures and laboratories, a significant portion of student learning is through online resources such as quizzes. Our aim is to improve the quizzes in Term Two of the first year histology curriculum. The existing quizzes were updated to include virtual movable histology slides using animated picture format. Questions were reformatted with precise wording, images were replaced to eliminate ambiguity and a wider range of correct answers were included. In 2005, we identified shortcomings in Term One quizzes that have since been reported by students (Class of 2010) as being “marvelous”. In 2008, further improvement had been made on the Term Two quizzes and evaluation comparing student satisfaction for the two sets of quizzes have been generated. Term Two quizzes are now more representative of questions encountered in the summative assessment. Students will receive instant feedback through online learning environment. We believe learning will be improved as we look forward to the student feedback in May 2009.