Reviewer's report

Title: Are family practice trainers and their host practices any better? Comparing practice trainers and non-trainers and their practices

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The authors have by and large adequately addressed my concerns with this paper in their revisions.

Personally, were I an author, I would have pointed out that these data and approach are likely to underestimate the difference between trainers and training practices and the ‘average’ GP and practice. As a result, they have been cautious their interpretation of their data which is commendable.

I am uncertain however of the appropriateness of their approach of using Cohen's D to estimate the effect size associated with p values of <0.05.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests