Reviewer's report

Title: U.S. medical resident familiarity with national tuberculosis guidelines

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General

This was a very well written and executed study of medical resident knowledge of national tuberculosis guidelines. The results are both disturbing and very important information for medical educators.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The study was well conducted and described. The limitations are adequately described. There is nothing I can see that needs to be revised.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Nothing.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

I believe it would be useful (though not necessary) to extend the discussion to how the lack of resident education might be addressed. I noticed that one of the institutions is participating in the National Tuberculosis Curriculum Consortium (NTCC). I would have been interested to know if that was the program that scored a little higher than the others. It might also be useful to mention the resources available for tuberculosis education including those on the NTCC web site.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest.