Reviewer’s report

Title: Gender difference in specialty preference and mismatch with real needs in Japanese medical students

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Minor Essential Revision:
The study was well thought out, designed, executed, and written. The major shortcoming of the study would have been the sweeping generalization of the findings to the entire nation of Japan whereas the study was conducted in only one prefecture (Yamaguchi) and only one university-Yamaguchi University School of Medicine. However this issue alluded to in the “Discussion” was satisfactorily clarified by a relevant literature (i.e. Ref.13).

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Page 3 line 3; “lead” “led”; Page 4 line 13; “different” not “difference”; line 21 “department in directors” “departmental directors” or “directors of departments”; Page 7 lines 26-28, reconstruct the sentence “As well as how to increase....................

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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 interests