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Major Compulsory Revisions

Table 1 lists five questions which were sent to all students. In the results section, only four of the five questions were addressed. There are no results to the fourth question - "considering other peers who have not gotten involved....." Why were the results of this question omitted? Please provide student responses to this question in the results page.

Curious as to why the researchers did not interview the students but instead provided a questionnaire? Is this consistent with "editing organizations style?"

Minor Essential Revisions

Page 5 edit issue - SENTENCE - All medical students were invited to "become" involved with this program and those who volunteered were encouraged and presented with a range of opportunities.

What are these opportunities?

Page 7 edit issue - SENTENCE - In describing their committed roles "fourteen" students....

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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 interests