Reviewer's report

Title: Undergraduate medical student perceptions and use of Evidence Based Medicine: A qualitative study

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Major compulsory revisions:
1. How many students comprise the 3rd year class at your institution.
2. Were the volunteers for this trial representative of the class as a whole.
3. It may be reasonable to discuss the potential for selection bias in this trial as the participants were self-selected. Do you have any data on those that did not want to participate and/or why?
4. Can you provide some details about the 10 week course in EBM procided to the students. I brief understanding of the background education provided would help the reader guage the generalizability/applicability of these findings.
5. Do you have some measure for the effectiveness of EBM practiced by the teaching attending MDs as it pertaind to patient care. It is possible that while they may have a very good understanding of basic EBM principles, the clinical application as viewed by the students may not be entirely valid. There are examples of this when clincal decision rules are evaluated for imapct analyses.

Minor revisions:
1. Page 14, change autonomy "is" to autonomy "to"

Level of interest: An article of importance 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 interests