Reviewer's report

Title: Medical Students' perceptions of Educational Environment at an Iranian Medical Sciences University

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This paper has been improved by the authors in response to referees' comments.

No compulsory revisions
No essential revisions

Discretionary revisions

1. I note from the authors' responses that the basic science students did not answer some of the DREEM questions - i.e. those relating to clinical contact. I think it would be helpful for this to be explained in the method section - i.e. exactly which questions were excluded for these students. Lack of significant clinical contact is an inherent drawback of this questionnaire when used in the early years of almost all medical courses, but acknowledging how you dealt with the issue would be helpful to other researchers.

2. Discussion paragraph 2 'In a study conducted by Al-Hazimi et al. in three traditional and one innovative medical schools for all traditional medical schools, the mean scores were lower compared with innovative medical school.'; This would be more easily understandable if rewritten, e.g. 'In a study conducted by Al-Hazimi et al. in three traditional and one innovative medical schools, the mean scores for all traditional medical schools were lower compared with the innovative medical school.'

3. In places the English does not flow as well as it could, but this does not affect the overall message of the paper.

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

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests