Reviewer's report

Title: Development and Evaluation of a Web-based Breast Cancer Cultural Competency Course for Primary Healthcare Providers

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Section "Background"; para 2 -- The relationship between culture and patient health worldview is quite complex and there is considerable amount of literature available on this domain. The authors should, at the very least, consider further clarifying the relationship between "culture" and "health" by describing how cultural beliefs and practices influence patients' views on health and health care.

2. Section "Background"; para 3 -- It is important for authors to clarify the level of analysis. Is it culture or cultural group or sub-cultural group. At one level, all these categories of analysis can be reductionist or homogenizing. The authors should acknowledge this and briefly discuss the problematic inherent in using culture or cultural groups as homogenizing categories.

3. Section "Background; para 4 -- The claim that cultural competency may reduce financial cost of health care services remains unsubstantiated.

4. Section "Methods"; subsection "CME Evaluation" -- The authors should provide a solid justification for the use of pre/post evaluation methodology. In particular, the authors should highlight the relative advantages or disadvantages of the methodology particularly in terms of reporting bias.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. The authors should consider replacing "compliance" with "adherence" throughout the manuscript.

Discretionary Revisions

1. The authors should consider discussing why they used the LEARN model over other similar models (e.g. Explanatory Model as proposed by Arthur Kleinmann).

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.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.