Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of effectiveness of instruction and study habits in two consecutive clinical semesters of the Medical Curriculum Munich (MeCuM) reveals the need for more time for self study and higher frequency of assessment

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Reviewer: Melanie Simon

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Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Literature:
Background and hypothesis are build on just one reference from 1995 (references 3 & 6 are the same). Aren't there any additional studies in this topic?

Discretionary Revisions
2. Design: Even though the return rate of the surveys compared to other studies seems to by representative, I guess a selection bias is included, as especially highly motivated students take part in the survey. Maybe others would expect more benefit from mandatory lessons?

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