Reviewer's report

**Title:** Analysing the operative experience of basic surgical trainees in Ireland using a web-based logbook

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1. The manuscript described the data analysis of the operative experience of basic surgical trainees in Ireland using a web-based logbook. Among the National Basic Surgical Training (BST) programme in Ireland, only those for general surgery and orthopaedic training were analysed. Therefore, to fit the content of the text, the title of the manuscript may focus the target as "Analysing the operative experience of basic surgical trainees in Ireland using a web-based logbook for general surgery and orthopaedic training".

2. The data presented in this study include the levels of "assisted" and "performed". What is data of "supervision" level as described in the National BST programme?

**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.