Reviewer's report

Title: Use of UKCAT scores in student selection by UK medical schools, 2006-2010

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This is a clear, simple, well written descriptive (telephone interviews with pro-forma) study which has usefully described the emergent use of UKCAT in admissions for UK medical schools. It will be of interest to prospective students and admissions tutors alike. I would suggest publication. The impact of publication will be to share practice and promote discussion of the use of UKCAT within admissions.

Minor Essential
Table 2 suggests that a minority of medical schools use more than two ways of using UKCAT in the selection process (2008 and 2009), it would be worth describing this in more detail.

Discretionary Revisions
It would broaden the interest and readership of the article to consider the ways that other admission tests are used in admission processes for medicine within the UK and internationally, as long as the tests have aim and content relevance to UKCAT.

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'