Reviewer's report

Title: Self-reported evaluation of competencies and attitudes by physicians-in-training before and after a single day legislative advocacy experience

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Major Compulsory: None

Minor Essential:
Figure 1 description is on p 17 but the figure is on p20, that's confusing.
Line 14 p 6 grammar error: should change "choose" to "chose"

Discretionary:
How many participants in the experience were given the first survey (response rate there would be interesting too)?

on p 12 I recommend more discussion about the convenience sample and how that affected results. e.g., 2/3 of these students had a prior legislative experience, demonstrating self selection of trainees highly motivated to participate in policy and advocate. It could be that experiences geared toward a broader range of students could show both more value in increasing the numbers of trainees that feel prepared to advocate in the future, and a subset of them that won't be very interested.

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.