Reviewer's report

Title: Postgraduate career intentions of medical students and recent graduates in Malawi: a qualitative interview study

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. There are a couple of minor grammatical and formatting issues to consider:
   - I would separate points in a list by semi-colons (abstract / background, p2)
   - Misplaced apostrophe in government’s (p 15)
   - Practise as a verb, should have an S (e.g. p 16 x 2, p20)
   - Other abbreviations that could be added (p 26): CHAM, NGO, EHRP

Discretionary Revisions
2. A couple of points on methodology: data saturation was not mentioned, and neither was triangulation, which would be a useful approach in a study of this sort; I would be interested to know if the authors considered these areas.

3. Also I note the authors ‘hypothesised’ year 4 students had sufficient clinical exposure; I wonder if they were able to test this in any way?

4. A map of the country / region may be useful (e.g p 7)

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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