Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of the acceptability of Peer Physical Examination (PPE) in medical and osteopathic students: a cross sectional survey

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Thank you for asking me to look at the revised manuscript.

I would like to congratulate the authors on their thorough and professional approach to the rewrite. It is never easy receiving a request for major revisions and they have done an excellent job with good grace.

I have been through the responses to the issues raised and read the revised manuscript and tables.

I was very happy with all of the comments made by the authors in their careful, structured response.

The removal of reference to IPE improves the paper, although I do understand that the process of conducting the research brought two institutions and disciplines together. I was glad to see that this has helped to forge an on-going functional relationship.

Tightening the purpose of the study and more clearly separating the two research elements improves the paper (exploring PPE attitudes and assessing performance of a new tool.

The section on limitations is greatly improved.

The incorporation of the relevant literature is well done.

The flow and language use is good. I have no stylistic comments to make.

Summary:
The authors have taken on board all of the points raised by the three initial reviews and have addressed them appropriately and intelligently.

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.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests’