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Title: Characteristic profiles among students and junior doctors with specific career preferences

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Discretionary revisions

This is much improved. I have marked that the English is acceptable. Nonetheless, I think it could be helped by getting a 'critical friend', who is a native English-speaker, to read through for minor points that could be expressed better. I will give a few examples but these are illustrative rather than exhaustive:

page 7, 9 lines from end: "which demonstrated internal consistency ranged..." would be helped by putting "that" after "consistency"

page 7, second line from end: "factor of 'personal reasons' would benefit from 'the' before 'factor'"

page 8, last line: "emphasis on controllable lifestyle than learning experience: - I'm not sure what to suggest - does it mean "controllable lifestyle rather than learning experience"? or "controllable lifestyle as well as learning experience"?

And there are other phrases that could be improved.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests