Reviewer's report

Title: Fostering Autonomous Motivation: Implications of Self-Determination Theory for Teachers and Leaders in Academic Medicine

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Reviewer: Gabrielle Finn

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From all of the papers that I have reviewed, this is the first paper that I have thoroughly enjoyed reading and have no useful suggestions for corrections. The paper is extremely well written, engaging, thought-provoking and exhaustive.

My only comment is that the title doesn't sell the content of your manuscript. As is, people without an interest in Self-determination theory, leadership or autonomy may overlook this paper. Perhaps a rewording of the title would be beneficial as this article would appeal to those other than just leaders etc.

I look forward to seeing this paper in press! I would be interested to read the results of a follow-up qualitative investigation within medical education institutions.

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

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