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Title: Web-based Electronic Portfolio in Medicine Undergraduate Surgical Subjects for both Reflective and Summative Learning

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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed the paper entitle “Web-based Electronic Portfolio in Medicine Undergraduate Surgical Subjects for both Reflective and Summative Learning”, submitted for publication as an original article in BMC Medical Education. Authors are pleased to send this article to BMC Medical Education because of rigorous peer review journal quality, high visibility, and widely available audience.

This article describes the process of creating and implementing a new Electronic Portfolio for learning undergraduate surgical subjects. The University of Seville Department of Surgery is responsible of its design, and the outcome is embedded in its webpage. University of Seville Department of Surgery is the copyright owner of this article related Electronic Portfolio, and authorizes authors to use it for publication and spreading purposes.

There are several advantages featuring this e-Portfolio: its ability to unify the classic reflective aspect to the summative when applying numerical values to all competencies, and the feed-back on students’ progress. These features make it an educational tool different from those used in many academic centers, equipped with greater practical utility that allows balancing the students training regardless of teachers’ dedication. Authors believe that this experience would be relevant to the academic community, especially the way in which students can obtain a precise feedback of their learning by assigning a numerical value to all competencies.

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We have submitted a revised manuscript on April, 29th, with some orthographic and grammatical corrections and some English-translated expressions improved.

Yours sincerely,

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