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

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Regarding the paper "Web-based Electronic Portfolio in Medicine Undergraduate Surgical Subjects for both Reflective and Summative Learning" the work seems to be of great interest because of the potential of this kind of assessment to promote competence development and, moreover, self-assessment and critical capacity on the learners. My comments are: it would be nice to have a more structured abstract that provides information about the paper itself (right now it describes the intervention), including the methods. In page 6, the authors mentions "high quality papers" and should provide references of those.

I also suggest clarification of the terms competence, competency and skills.

Besides, I believe the work needs editing by a proficient English speaker, specially because issues of assessment and evaluation are particularly complex, and along the text language seems to be the source of some confusion. Attached are some examples that I highlighted in the text.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.