Reviewer's report

Title: What is different about medical students interested in non-clinical careers?

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Reviewer: Prithviraj Das

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I have made about 75-100 annotations on big and small issues in the manuscript. My annotated version is attached.

Some highlights are -

1. Major Compulsory Revisions
   a. The discussions and implications do not directly flow from the actual methods and results, and currently read more like an agenda - please see my comments in this regard
   b. The survey instrument is left completely vague in the manuscript, leading to a broad interpretation - both the Korean and the English versions needed to be appended to the manuscript and discussed in the methods section (see my comments)
   c. Absolute numbers must be evident (both numerators and denominators) at all times
   d. Conclusions need to be changed too
   e. Till the results section this reads like a repository of numbers and statistics - the question, methods, results, discussions and conclusions together do not tell a single 'story' and lack harmony. I'd go so far as to advise a rewrite with this and the other points in mind.

2. Minor essential revisions
   a. Spelling and grammar, including apostrophes (see my comments)

3. Discretionary revisions
   a. If the BMC needs an abstract, that needs to be supplied too

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests