Reviewer's report

Title: Effectiveness of Evidence-Based Medicine Training for Undergraduate Students in a Chinese Military Medical University: a self-controlled trial

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The manuscript systematically evaluated the effect of integration of EBM into the medical curriculum on improving undergraduate medical students’ EBM knowledge, attitudes, personal application, and anticipated future use. This is an interesting area of research in which there is limited information in developing countries, and is appropriate to explore in a qualitative fashion. I recommend this paper to be accepted after discretionary revisions, and some comments were attached below.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? yes
3. Are the data sound? yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?

Yes, I know the related literature well and the authors did a very good job with their description of the literature and the significance of this work.
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? yes
9. Is the writing acceptable? Some editing as follows is needed:

Introduction
(1) First paragraph, line 2: ‘use of current’ should be ‘usage of currently’;
(2) First paragraph, line 2: ‘opinion’ should be ‘opinions’;
(3) First paragraph, line 8: ‘often’ should be ‘also’;
(4) Second paragraph, line 3: ‘school’ should be ‘schools’;

Discussion
(1) Third paragraph, line 8: it should be ‘the questionnaire was developed and validated’;
(2) Fourth paragraph, line 3: ‘post-training’ should be ‘across the training’.