Reviewer's report

Title: Effects of a Geriatric Clinical Skills Training on Attitudes of Medical Students

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This is a topical issue given the ageing population and a necessary intervention to contribute to the quality of care in this potentially vulnerable part of the community.

The paper was not quite acceptable standard of English, given this was not the first language of the authors, but with editorial support this could be rectified, e.g. Line 93:
Medical school lasts 6 years (2 years preclinical and 4 years clinical training). It is not the school that last 6 years it is the degree programme.

The experimental design is quite sound given the fact that the UCLA-GAS - a validated tool was use - nonetheless, it is important not to over interpret any results.

Likewise, when asking the students regarding the time frame for performing the MMSE and the BADL, I question whether they are at an appropriate stage in their training, whereby the answer given is of relevance to the study.

The authors are cautious in their discussion of the results, but it would be expedient to have a larger experimental group size and the work be evaluated over a greater time frame, with possibly additional parameters used to evaluate attitude shift in student and junior doctors.

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

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:

None