Reviewer's report

Title: Isolated rural general practice as the focus for teaching core clinical rotations to pre-registration medical students.

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Reviewer: Deirdre Lynch

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Most points raised during initial review have been addressed.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

To maintain confidentiality, participant characteristics could not be described. Nonetheless, program effectiveness may be related to the characteristics of the self-selected participants such as gender and previous experience living and working in rural areas. Further studies, therefore, should be designed so that information about participant characteristics can be collected, reported and examined. This point should be either articulated as a limitation of the current study in the Discussion section or addressed in the Conclusion.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

None.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.