Reviewer’s report

Title: The Research Rotation: Competency-based structured and novel approach to research training of Internal Medicine residents

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Reviewer: Kristi Ferguson

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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)
1. Need to explain about the fact that only half of the residents have taken it so far. Are they self-selected? Will all of them eventually take it? If not, how will this satisfy the ACGME?
2. For Table 3, need to comment about the possibility of a lack of power in establishing statistical significance because the sample size is considerably smaller than for the other analyses.

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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)
1. Eliminate Appendix 2 -- since the schedule is the same almost every day, just put it in the text
2. Including both the median and the mean makes the tables cluttered. Since the statistical tests apply to the mean, just use that.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.