Reviewer's report

**Title:** Observed Communication Skills: How Do They Relate To The Consultation Content? A nation-wide study of graduate medical students seeing a standardized patient for a first-time consultation in a general practice setting.

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**Reviewer:** LuAnn Wilkerson

Reviewer's report:

General

The opportunity to collaborate on an educational study across institutions is an excellent one and I commend the authors for taking this opportunity to examine their work in this careful way.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached) The authors have responded to all of the concerns in an earlier review of this paper, clarifying the nature of the sample and limiting their conclusions to the findings from a single case study.

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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) The title on Table 4 should eliminate the curricular type since was removed in response to an earlier review. References are missing for pg 9 Aspergren and pg 13, Pfeiffer.

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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 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:
I declare that I have no competing interests.