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:** Nobutaro BAN

**Reviewer's report:**

General
Revised article would be acceptable except for quality of written English.

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

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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 paper is well written and concise and clear, however it could use a run-through by an editor more familiar with vernacular English; there are confusing wording choices.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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**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:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.