Reviewer's report

Title: Competency-Based Evaluation Tools for Integrative Medicine Training in Family Medicine Residency: A Pilot Study

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Reviewer: Victor Sierpina

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General
This is an exemplary article that leads the field with a scholarly approach to both curriculum design and importantly evaluation of the teaching of integrative medicine in residency

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

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

I prefer the updated Consortium of Academic Health Centers in Integrative Medicine definition of IM:
"Integrative Medicine is the practice of medicine that reaffirms the importance of the relationship between practitioner and patient, focuses on the whole person, is informed by evidence, and makes use of all appropriate therapeutic approaches, healthcare professionals and disciplines to achieve optimal health and healing".....

http://www.imconsortium.org

Also on page 5 "The details of the IFM curriculum have been described elsewhere....(needs a citation), as has its early impact.....(Ref #3)??

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'