Reviewer's report

Title: Electronic Health Records in Outpatient Clinics: Perspectives of Third-Year Medical Students

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General
This paper looks at third year medical students attitudes towards using an electronic health record. Studies about perceptions and use of EHR are timely. Although this is a small study, it does provide some interesting information about medical students use of an EHR as part of their clinical rotations. The abstract accurately reflects the content of the paper. The survey instrument is not validated but was well constructed. The authors do a good job of addressing the limitations of the study.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
Although table-1 is useful in the paper it could be better organized. I would suggest that within each construct the items are listed in descending order by %. The first 3 constructs are organized this way. However the last three constructs are not, requiring the reader to do the sorting themselves.

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)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory 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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests