Reviewer's report

Title: The Need for Education on Health Related-Quality of Life

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General

It is an interesting and innovative idea to have a SSM on HRQOL in the medical curriculum. The course outline and process described seem quite generalizable to other medical schools.

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

It would be useful for others who want to organize similar SSM if more details can be provided for the following:-

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. More information on the duration of the SSM.
2. The faculty manpower required to conduct the SSM.
3. The interest from students including the number of students enrolling each year.
4. The results of the formal student evaluation survey.
5. Elaboration on how the SSM had complemented the other aspects of the curriculum.
6. Clarification on whether the statement that 'QOL education appears to integrate well ......in facilitating communication and in the promotion of patient centred consultation' (second paragraph, p.5) was based on evaluation results or review of the literature.
7. Please elaborate on the potential topics suggested by ISOQOL.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions
Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.