Reviewer’s report

Title: Developing Postgraduate Education for Chinese Medicine Practitioners: a Hong Kong perspective

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Title: ‘Developing Postgraduate Education for Chinese Medicine Practitioners: a Hong Kong Perspective’ – suggest to delete the word ‘developing’, as the main objective of the study is to evaluate the perspective of TCM graduates on the existing policy for PGT in TCM and some suggestions on how it can be improved.

Overall, this is a well conducted study and the manuscript is well written. Although the study reflects the contemporary practice of TCM in Hong Kong, I feel that many of the points raised are applicable to many countries (e.g. Singapore), whereby PGT in TCM is in its infancy, and the health care system is also dominated by modern western medicine. However, the manuscript is quite long for a study of this nature, suggest shortening the introduction and the last part of the discussion. (E.g. to delete table 1)

Other comments:
Abstract - purpose: (missing word) ....private TCM sector is expected to (play) a major role...
Pg 5: …journals with or without peer review requirement.
Pg 8: table 2 - ….what sort of knowledge should…
Pg 21: ..They expect that further western medicine training would make their ordering of diagnostic tests…
Pg 21: ….bring along their lab reports and radiological films for you to look at…
Pg 21: …The common subject of interest of all healthcare providers is patient…
Pg 23: As general practitioners, graduates expect themselves to be…
Pg 23: In principle, TCM practitioners do not….
Pg 24: One thing I want to learn is how to communicate with patients.
Pg 25: Discussion – “This study has identified four main career and professional development concerns raised by Hong Kong University trained TCM practitioners who had graduated within the first 5 years of the new training scheme.” However, under the method section, it was mentioned that “Discussants were assembled to ensure the representation of TCM graduates from different universities and with various occupational backgrounds..” – were the TCM graduates come from one centre /
more than one centres?
Pg 28: In view of the worsening….

**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'