Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of a Communication Skills Program for First-Year Medical Students at the University of Toronto

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The authors describe the results of the evaluation of a communication skills program for first year medical students. The most interesting result is a decrease in the self rating score after the course.

minor essential revision

1. The introduction part of the manuscript is too long and about half of the introduction is a description of the method. This part could be integrated in the method section.

Although the number of participants is rather low, the results are of interest for educators in the medical field.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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