Reviewer’s report

Title: Operating theatre related syncope: time to improve the medical student curriculum

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The manuscript have improved considerably. The message is important.

I only have a few comments.

Page 8. I would like to be informed about the response rate. How many of the 630 students did not respond.

Page 10. Discussion. 4 pages. Rather long read.

Page 11. line 8. There are 2 recent studies that reported about the frequency of fainting in medical students a) Ganzeboom et al, your reference 10 b) Serletis et al. Europ Heart J.

Interestingly, de results of a and b are almost identical.

Page 12. Top paragrapg. I fully agree that females faint much more than males, but to the best of my knowledge the reason is unclear. The best hypothesis I think is that females have smaller hearts ( Fi Qu). Did Ganzeboom and Fi Qu mention the factors you give in this paragraph.

Page 12, bottom. WEling should read WIEling