Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Bruce Newman

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I reviewed the revised manuscript, references, and tables. It is an improved manuscript and deserving of publication.

I take issue with Table 1. The abstract and the text quotes that 88% of the reaction occurred in women (68 women and 9 men), but Table 1 shows otherwise. It is apparent that Table 1 is inconsistent with the abstract and text.

Also Table 1’s titles are confusing. Since columns 1, 2, and 3 are reporting percentages, the titles should include the word "percentage". They should be Proportion Percentage (n), Male Percentage (n), and Female Percentage (n), so that the n value is within the parenthesis, as is shown in Table 1.