Reviewer’s report

Title: Effects of a Refugee Elective on Medical Student Perceptions

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Reviewer: Leslie London

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The revised manuscript has dealt with issues of cultural competence in a much more nuanced manner and taken cogniscance of literature from different perspectives on diversity and its importance for health professional practice. The critical nature of the learning has been better highlighted.

The authors have also provided a clear context for the course and why it arose, which enables the readers to better understand the strengths and weaknesses of the course.

The editors have also removed and/or rewritten some of the problematic statements that were in the earlier version, and have also provided a clearer argument for the statistics used, with more recognition of limitations of the cross-sectional comparisons.

Repetition in the text of the results has been removed.

The conclusions reached are now justified in the way the write up has been amended

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests