Reviewer's report

Title: Micro-expression recognition training in medical students: a pilot study

Version: 1 Date: 12 March 2009

Reviewer: David Cameron

Reviewer's report:

In this small pilot study, the researchers have demonstrated that certain students who have previously demonstrated good communication skills, benefit from the training in the recognition of micro-facial expressions. Students with less well developed communication skills did not show any benefit.

The research methods are appropriate and are well described. The discussion is balanced and the data presented supports the conclusions. The fact that this is a pilot study with a small sample is acknowledged. The work upon which this study is build is also acknowledged. The article is clearly written and the title accurately conveys the research project.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests