Reviewer's report

Title: Use of email for patient communication in student health care: a cross-sectional study

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General
Although the subject is interesting, email use between doctor and patient, this paper is not innovative nor original. It simply describes the frequency of email contacts in relation to other contacts. This is already done before, the authors refer the those literature and come to the same conclusions, so nothing news. Moreover the study is done with a student population, in relation to email use a very specific population and surely not representative.
The results are not presented in a sound way, even sometimes incorrect. A ratio must be represented as for example 1 to 5 and not in percentages.
The paper appears to me as a written report of a presentation of some congress.
The language is bad, I suggest the authors to consult a native English speaker for further submissions.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
All the above mentioned topics are compulsory

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish in any journal

Level of interest: Too insignificant to warrant publication in any journal

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
None