Reviewer’s report

Title: Swiss residents’ speciality choices - impact of gender, personality traits, career motivation and life goals

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None.

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

None.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. page 6 bottom line: the word 'operationalised' could be replaced by something simpler, e.g. 'measured', for clarity

2. page 10 third line of second paragraph of Discussion: the phrase 'they want to qualify in' might be replaced by 'they want to work in'.

3. page 14 start of second paragraph: I suggest dropping the self-evident sentence 'Almost half of the residents in the West are female.' and starting the following sentence with 'There should be an acknowledgement...'

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.