Reviewer's report

Title: Student perception about working in rural Nepal after graduation

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Since the study is done on first and second year students, this must be reflected in the title since perceptions of students change after further years of training which mainly takes place in the hospital. If the authors want to retain the title, then they should also supplement the study by surveying students towards end of final year and at the end of internship. This would add value to the study since literature shows that there is a shift in perception about choice of career (Primary care Vs secondary care) as well as choice of work after graduation. Whether this is true for Nepal would be interesting.

A brief description about the nature of exposure of these students who were surveyed to community out-reach or community live-in or community rotation prior to the survey would add value.

All the objectives of the study stated have not found a place in the results (eg the last one ...association of median monthly salary with...." Either this needs to be presented as a table with appropriate statistical tests of significance or dropped from the list of objectives.

Since the authors have done reasonably good discussion, the manuscript can also be submitted as a review article (with a robust review of literature leading to a development or use of a conceptual framework) stating factors influencing choice of place of work in Nepal rather than attempting to generalise and draw conclusions from a study of early years in medical school students from a medical school which has predominantly self-financing and urban origin students

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'