Reviewer's report

Title: Career Choices and what influences Nepali Medical Students and young Doctors - a Cross-sectional Study

Version: 1 Date: 4 August 2012

Reviewer: Geoffrey Mitchell

Reviewer's report:

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? Yes

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? Yes

3. Are the data sound and well controlled? Control was not relevant as this was a cross-sectional survey. Addition of focus group data parovided the opportunity of triangulation of the survey data.

My main question is whether seeking permission to conduct the study from hospital administrators equates to ethical clearance to collect data. This is particularly the case for the focus group data.

There needs to be more detail on how the focus group data were analysed, themes chosen and checked (eg conflict between the people analysing focus group data being resolved by a third party).

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? 
   Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? 
   Yes

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? 
   Yes

7. Is the writing acceptable? 
   Mostly. there are a few examples where brevity of expression does blunt the meaning.

Also note that there is a bracket question "( ?numbers)" in the last paragraph of the background section that has escaped the authors before submission

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 I have no competing interests.