Reviewer's report

Title: Scaling up family medicine training in Gezira, Sudan; A 2 years’ in-service master program using modern information and communication technology: an observational study

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

1.- The background allows us to contextualize the GMFP in the actual global context and particularly in Sudan and the Gezira state.

2.- The information describes an integrated strategy between the university and the Ministry of Health that highly impacts the access of the population of Gezira in the Health Care system.

3.- However, the article presents an internal lack of consistency:
   3.a.- The abstract defines the article as an observational study that shows the results of the GFMP’s implementation of a database line. However, in the whole text this information only represents a brief section.
   3.b.- In the methods section, we found a wide and detailed explanation fully related to the observational study.
   3.c.- Most of the information stated in the results is focused on the objectives, curricula, and educational methods used in the GFMP.

4.- In order to publish this article, we suggest for you to reconsider it as a case study. Therefore, the main goal would be a systematic presentation of GFMP which will include the following parts, such as: training, in service, and information and communication. We recommend adding two more components of the data base line to the results section, which would be candidates and centers collected described.

Additional comments: In case the author’s goal would be a case study, we suggest to extend the information related to the supervision of this program at the Health Care centers. A correct supervision is the most important key to improve and maximize the level and quality of in-service training. It’s relevant to highlight that an effective program in terms of in-service training depends on how the supervision and evaluation are organized and implemented.

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

i don´t have competing interests.