Reviewer’s report

Title: Narrowing the gap between eye care needs and service provision: the service-training nexus.

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1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
   YES. THIS IS WELL DEFINED.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
   NO INSUFFICIENT DETAILS ARE PROVIDED TO REPLICATE THE WORK BUT THIS IS SO BECAUSE THE ARTICLE DOES NOT SUPPLY RESEARCH OUTCOMES BUT A HYPOTHETICAL MODEL WHICH WAS THEN TESTED. THE TESTING OF THE MODULE IS NOT PRESENTED AND WOULD HAVE BEEN A USEFUL ADDITION IF SOME OF THIS INFO WAS PRESENTED.

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
   NOT APPLICABLE.

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?
   THE DATA IS NOT PRESENTED BUT ARGUMENTS ARE SUPPLIED FOR THIS AND INFO FROM THE LITERATURE.

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

7. Is the writing acceptable?
   YES

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.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.