Reviewer’s report

Title: The UKCAT-12 study: Educational attainment, aptitude test performance, demographic and socio economic contextual factors as predictors of first year outcome in a cross-sectional collaborative study of twelve UK medical schools

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Reviewer: Sam Leinster

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This is a very useful study which has been rigorously conducted. The analysis is thorough but despite the technicalities the practical messages of the paper are clear. There are obvious implications for the process of medical student selection in the UK but the findings may well be generalisable to other countries.

Major compulsory revisions

None

Minor essential revisions

There appears to be a typographical error on page 10 line 5 where the same parameters are given for GCE as appear for SQA on the previous line.

Discretionary revisions

None

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests