Reviewer’s report

Title: Aspirations to become an anaesthetist: longitudinal study of historical trends and trajectories of UK-qualified doctors' early career choices and of factors that have influenced their choices.

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Reviewer: Asha Tyagi

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It is an interesting study.

It adds to the perceptible concern that anaesthesiology as a subject/speciality does not manage to evoke adequate interest and enthusiasm amongst medical students. Primarily this is related to the conduct of the learning environment offered; and the way speciality is presented/perceived.

I have some minor observations/suggestions added in the annotated manuscript.

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