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: Fauzia Khan

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Thank you for giving me an opportunity to evaluate this interesting paper which is a longitudinal study of historical trends of UK doctors and their career choice of anaesthesia. Although the study suffers from the limitations of such historical surveys, the response rates are acceptable and the paper does highlight some important points and trends. It also provides directions for future research and a methodology that can be replicated to compare results.

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