Reviewer’s report

Title: Twenty-five Years On: Revisiting Bosnia and Herzegovina after Implementation of a Family Medicine Development Program.

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This study aimed to evaluate the outcome of the "Family Medicine Development Program" (rebuilding primary care through educational initiatives at the undergraduate, residency, Masters, PhD, and continuing professional development levels) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (B-H) 25 years after the program.

The main method used was key informant interview, through which, the authors interviewed 122 people with a purposeful sampling method, who were mainly DFM program members, specialists, residents and medical students. Officials from the Federation Ministry of Health did not participate the interview.

From the point of methodology for a program assessment, "qualitative exploratory research design" without any quantitative analysis is too weak for an academic publication about program assessment. The current manuscript is more suitable to be as a program report.

As the authors stated in the manuscript, actually, the program did defined a set of targets, and there was a narrative description of the accomplishments made after implementation of the program.

The authors did not conduct any further analysis based on those information. This is a pity. I did not see from the manuscript about specific aspects of the assessment would like to focus. Because of this, there was no a well designed questionnaire to structurely collect useful information from the interviewees, except pure status description, which was not fully analyzed with appropriate method.

In addition, the authors used purposeful sampling method, however, important stakeholders of the program, like MoH staff, medical associations, etc. were missing. In general, I would not recommend the journal to publish the current version, unless the authors will be able to address the above important issues and re-submit later.

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