Reviewer’s report

Title: Perceptions of nephrology among medical students and internal medicine residents: a national survey among institutions with nephrology exposure

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PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS: To view the full report from the academic peer reviewer, please see the attached file.

REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: This is a survey to identify the factor which influence the choice of nephrology specialty in USA. The paper is well written and it offers ideas for interesting considerations.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

- Objective: The description of the objective of the article is extremely clear. The background wisely describes the problem.

- Design: The design of the studio is adequate. The questionnaire is well studied and explores the problem in a complete way. Unfortunately, the depth of the exploration affects the length of the questionnaire and is probably related to the low response rate. Probably, a short format would have a higher response rate.

- Execution: The execution seems adequate. A minor problem is related to the low response rate. The length of the questionnaire and the method of administration may not be little suitable for students and residents.

Interpretation: Interpretation of results is reasonable. Although, the discussion exceeds the actual results of the survey. Much of the discussion is based on speculations on how to overcome the reduced interest in the career of nephrology. This description should be reduced.

Finally, too many tables are included in the manuscript.
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