Reviewer's report

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the paper now provides more context that is helpful to readers. it is likely that strengthening the validity of the MRCGP with MRCP data is more important than the reverse, in view of the legal action so perhaps that could be more explicit? Perhaps such Aussie directness would be unwelcome here, but understanding that sets the purpose of the paper in clear view, explaining why two exams from different pathways are being compared. i have no other concerns about the data analysis and interpretation, which is appropriately cautious. The authors would be aware that IMGs tend to do less well in most countries in similar exams (I know there is Australian data on this) and this paper provides useful information to support the validity of the situation, at least in the UK. As such this is a useful contribution o the literature.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests