Reviewer's report

Title: Perceptions of the preparedness of medical graduates for internship responsibilities in district hospitals in Kenya

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Major revisions

1. Perhaps in the background - it might be useful to more clearly identify the gaps in literature and perhaps also to describe how similar questions (in different contexts) have been approached methodologically (ie give justification to your methods)

2. Methods has a very broad remit "attitudes, behaviours, value systems, concerns and motivations.." This sets up the difficulties with the results - there are simply too many to report comprehensively. Could you consider a refocus that is narrower?

3. Methods - need to describe how the themes/ issues were extracted form the transcripts and what kind of qualitative data analysis/ triangulation you did.

4. Results - there is an enormous amount of data that you have variably presented in results, in the discussion and in the tables. I think this needs to be rationalised.

   IN particular all results need to be in that section - the discussion should not describe results not already presented.

   My suggestion is to use headings form discussion in results, to reduce the results presented and to provide some illustrative quotes in the text. Then you can also rationalise the tables

5. Discussion - can then be simply that - a discussion of results and how that fits with exiting knowledge and what it means for the future. I would have liked other potential solutions discussed such as supervisor training, and/or accreditation of intern training sites

Minor revisions

Some sentences on limitations are needed

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare i have no competing interests