Reviewer’s report

Title: ARCADO - Adding random case analysis to direct observation in workplace-based formative assessment of general practice registrars

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Reviewer: Richard Knox

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Good quality and easy to read - directly transferable to practice.

could potentially be open to bias as only one training region was used and 'purposive sampling' (how were the educators invited to the event that informed them of the process? if only interested educators attended the meeting in the first place, would non-interested educators have had similar success?) I don't think these limitations would have a massive impact on more wider application of the model (unless there is something very different about the training region studied compared with the other regions) but before universal roll-out it might be beneficial to seek opinion in other regions.

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