Reviewer's report

Title: Assessment of clinical reasoning in clinical practice. Observable phenomena that reveal clinical reasoning during history taking of medical students: a qualitative study

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Reviewer: Salman Guraya

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The topic of research is insightful and addresses an important area in clinical teaching. I have the following concerns;

- The authors did not mention the level of experts who were interviewed; Academics, Professors of lecturers
- Concerning the students-patients encounters, the year of study of students were the same or at different years?
- The authors have elaborated the results of their study in the Discussion section again. This part of the paper should be used to interpret the results and to compare and contrast the research findings with the published literature. I've quoted two references that can help them in elaborating the assessment of clinical reasoning skills;


- If the authors can write a brief note about the recommendations that came out of this study.

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