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Your inclusion of a survey to those who took the SSW in it's previous iteration was nice, especially at seeing the interest in surgery, but would be nice to include how you knew that the interest increased. Traditionally prior to SSW in 2011, what percentage of students went into surgery. What changed about the SSW after 2015 (what were the elements changed after your needs assessment)? What are your future steps for study?

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