Reviewer’s report

Title: How does ‘banter’ influence trainee doctors’ choice of career? A qualitative study

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Fascinating work.

Although I firmly believe in the need to promote our own specialties to our students, I can see how banter could do the reverse - it could serve as a negative influence on career choice.

I find the arguments fairly lucid but wouldn't mind a few sub-headings in the Discussion section to help the reader navigate with a little more clarity.

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