Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of the undergraduate Family Medicine programme of Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya: Quantitative and qualitative student feedback

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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No - there are minor issues

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Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

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Yes - the author’s interpretation is reasonable

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Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: Authors have addressed a very important area of program evaluation, which is missing in many educational programs. Such evaluations will help to improve the quality of teaching-learning, as well as maintain standards.

Since I have not seen the previous MSS, I am not able to make a comparison but looks like that considerable effort has gone in to make the revisions.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

My concern is about the methodology adopted. The quantitative and qualitative responses are from two different groups. It would have been better to let the entire class fill the questionnaire and then a select group (based on appropriate sampling method) to complete the qualitative form. I am not sure though, if these changes can be made at this stage.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

I suggest a table to include the emerging themes and supporting comments to make it better understandable. Similarly for the Likert scale responses, it may be better to club all agrees and disagrees into one and make only 3 columns viz. Agree, Neutral, Disagree. Making finer distinctions like SA versus A doesn't add to value.

Are the methods appropriate and well described? 
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

Does the work include the necessary controls? 
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No

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Yes

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I am able to assess the statistics

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