Reviewer’s report

Title: Identifying and Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Outpatient Practice: Results of a Program-Wide Survey of Internal and Family Medicine Residents

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The manuscript title: "Identifying and addressing social determinants of health in outpatient practice: Results of a program-wide survey of internal and family medicine residents."

Although this is a mostly cross sectional descriptive study, the authors have added a body of knowledge related to social determinants of health (SDOH) during residency. It appears that residents have been introduced to SDOH; however, the problem is with the lack of training for how to translate that knowledge to practical use.

Abstract:

Recommend identifying in methods that this is a cross sectional survey.

Recommend using numbers followed by (%) and not only reporting using (%), example p4 line 69.

Introduction:

Consider reviewing some of the literature from references 15-20 regarding Pediatrics residency training and SDOH, especially that Pediatrics is a primary care domain.

Methods:

Recommend quantifying what is a SDOH expert? What do you want them to do? Maybe give some examples, designation of expert lacks clarity?

Results:

Adequate.

Discussion:
Adequate.

Tables:
Adequate

References:
Check Ref #13; appears to be incomplete.

Other:
Have you identified why FQHC (Safety-Net) clinics are a strong predictor for competence of residents? Consider discussing that. From my experience, FQHC centers typically are required to have social worker / case managers in contrast to practice in other setting.

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

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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No

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
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