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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Reviewer: Mpho Mogodi

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Thank you for affording me this opportunity to review this important study. Here are my comments:

Introduction:

* The introduction is too brief. Help the reader to appreciate how the SDOH attribute to preventable mortality.

* What is known about SDOH in residency training globally? More elaboration is needed for the reader to illustrate the need for your research more. Is there a difference?

* What is your conceptual framework of the research?

* What educational theory underpins this study?

* What are your research questions? Do not leave the reader to guess.

* Literature review could be strengthened.

Methods

* Kindly confirm whether residents who were involved in the iterative process of developing the questionnaire were included in the survey.

Results

* It is not clear to what extent the results are generalizable, given the relatively small sample size.

Conclusion
What is the evidence that Pediatric residents may display higher competence at addressing SDOH? Can we assume that their knowledge of SDOH results in behavior or practice change?

Is the conclusion of the study adding something new to the body of literature?

What are your limitations? Especially how your relationship with participants could have impacted the study?

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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Yes

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