Reviewer’s report

Title: An interprofessional cohort analysis of student interest in medical ethics education: A survey-based quantitative study

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Reviewer: Elizabeth Epstein

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. This is a well-written paper that describes an important area of IPE and bioethics education. I have only minor comments (below), except perhaps the last comment.

Line 109: What were the four final survey questions? Why were they available only to certain respondents?

Line 180: Grammar comment: Add "A" at the beginning of sentence starting with "Majority of respondents…").

Lines 179-184: Were students given any information about the graduate certificate program in the survey? It's interesting that a majority of respondents were interested in that or a master's program but may not know much about what they entail.

Line 203: Grammar comment: "Our data reveal" rather than "our data reveals"

Paragraph starting with line 225: Another consideration may be the difference in clinical exposure. PhD, DNP, and MSN students are likely to have several years of clinical experience where as pre-clerkship and BS/(D)MD student (and DPT students?) are much less likely to have clinical experience. Clerkship year medical students have limited clinical experience as well. Do the authors see any potential differences based on clinical exposure? Perhaps some differences in the narrative comments?

Line 258: Would suggest starting the next paragraph with this sentence.

Question: Why was evaluation of the narrative comments not included in this paper? In reading the comments, some indicate a real misunderstanding of what ethics is (e.g., "I feel like you can't "teach" ethics..." and "ethics is something you either have or you don't") and others address a variety of other issues such as already-full curricula. The themes from these comments are potentially useful for understanding and interpreting survey findings.

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