Reviewer’s report

Title: A randomised trial of the influence of racial stereotype bias on examiners' scores, feedback, and recollections in undergraduate clinical exams

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Reviewer: Danette McKinley

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Thank you for responding to all of the comments made regarding revisions to the manuscript and incorporating them into this revised version. I believe that the clarity of the writing will make the paper valuable to readers. Since the findings differed from expectations, I believe it will make it clear that additional research regarding examiner bias is necessary. As it is, the paper provides evidence that supports the validity of the process. It does not appear that examinee or examiner characteristics introduce construct-irrelevant variance to the ratings. Though the data are based on a simulation, they provide some insight to how stereotypes could be activated and then affect examiners' objectivity in rating performance.

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