Reviewer's report

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The authors are to be congratulated on undertaking this important study and presenting the findings in such a clear and comprehensive fashion. As noted in the paper, there is considerable conjecture regarding the relative value of rural clinical experience as part of undergraduate medical education as a factor which contributes to medical graduates choosing to practice in rural settings.

In this article, the authors have been successful in: presenting the context in the Introduction; specifying clear research questions; describing the study design in the Methods; using a combination of text and tables to present the key Findings; and then providing thoughtful interpretation in the Discussion and Conclusions.

My main suggestion for improvement would be for the authors to propose a framework for research which would be more effective in answering the research questions than was found in the papers which were reviewed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.