Reviewer’s report

Title: Dental school tracks related to retention of dentists in Thai government services: a crosssectional survey

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Background
* To make more understanding on rural track recruitment of dental student in CU
  o Please describe more on the proportion of admitted students of this track compared to normal track
  o How CU recruits students from secondary schools to be rural-track dental students, for example what are recruitment criteria, recruitment pool at district, provincial or regional level, etc.
  o How different on dental curriculum between these two tracks
  o How Thai government manage a placement of new dentists from rural track after graduation

Population and sample
* Sample selection
  o Describe more on how this study distribute number of required sample to each track (six tracks) and each batch (batch 2010-2016)
  o After that please describe how this study select samples from each strata to ensure that no bias selection
  o Noted: Line 120-121 state that 81.2% of respondents are in the first 3-year of compulsory public service so it seems more or less selective bias in term of year of graduation

Data analyzing
* Did the online questionnaire ask about hometown of CUDS in each track? If yes, please describe.
  * As mentioned above, Line 120-121 state that most of respondents fall in 3-year compulsory public service, it would be good if this study analyze how different in retention between rural track and normal track with in the first 3-year work in public service and after 3-year public work when they are free to move.

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