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**Title:** Medical training for universal health coverage: a review of Cuba – South Africa collaboration

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The paper is well written and present to readers relevant issues pertaining to primary health care (PHC), human resource development for health, and universal health coverage. However, the authors can consider the following comments.

1. **Background - Page 3,** can authors provide a last paragraph (from line 36), to describe the role of PHC in addressing the gaps in human resource?
2. **Page 4, line 18-26:** can the authors provide reference to the statement - "The financial and academic barriers to admission to medical school tend to favour selection of students from privileged backgrounds, leading to young doctors who have limited direct experience of the health needs of poor rural and under-served urban communities, with few choosing to serve these communities"?
3. **Can authors kindly provide a whole section, preferably before conclusion, and in bullet points (maximum 5 points), on "policy recommendations for sustainable human resource development for health, for South Africans”, and if possible extend discussions to benefit other LMICs?**

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