Reviewer’s report

Title: Identifying factors which enhance capacity to engage in clinical education among podiatry practitioners: an action research project

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Reviewer: Cylie Williams

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Thanks you for changes within the manuscript. There are still a number I feel to make the manuscript more reader friendly. There continues to be a number of laborious sentences and I would encourage the team to have a good read and simplify or condense where appropriate.

1. Response rate within the methods section of the abstract – shift to abstract results

2. Sentence structure example "A key factor in placement success is the role of the clinical educator, which can make a difference between a supportive placement in which learning is maximised and one in which the student becomes disengaged and potentially fails to achieve learning outcomes[2 to 4]". Suggest change to:

A key factor in placement success is the role of the clinical educator. The clinical educator can make a difference between a supportive placement for maximized learning and one in which the student becomes disengaged and potentially fails to achieve learning outcomes[2 to 4].

3. Reference to: In this study – please state in our study, in our research or something depicting ownership so that the reader know you are talking about the study you are discussing or another within the literature.

4. I agree the reinsertion of the paragraph assists the reader however it is still wordy with information. You have again mentioned that the scale has good validity however you have presented only the Cronbach’s alpha to support . I would remove the unnecessary information within this paragraph and condense it to a sentence at the end of the preceding paragraph.

The scale has subsequently been found to have good to excellent reliability (Cronbach’s alpha 0.782-0.951) following piloting with podiatry clinical educators within 25 English NHS Trusts.

(If there are any more clinimetrics add here and remove the aim as you have already presented it at the end of the introduction)

6. Page 10 Heads of Service – no capitalization

7. Should just be PASW Statistics 18 not SoftWare and should be cited

8. Limitations – 2nd line: First, the sample comprised of podiatrists…. 
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

Nil