

Peer Review Report

Review Report on The integration of primary care and public health in medical students' training based on social accountability and community-engaged medical education

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Reviewer: Reviewer 1

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EVALUATION

Q 1 Please summarize the main findings of the study.

It is my understanding that the authors would want to show the importance of integrating primary care and public health through training future doctors in a medical school in the Philippines with a curriculum based on social accountability and community-engaged medical education. The paper was able to show how the authors were able to present how they did the study. It is important however that the authors should clearly present the problem of why there was a need for the integration of primary care and public health through training future doctors in a medical school in the Philippines with a curriculum based on social accountability and community-engaged medical education. More references are needed why they do what they have to do. There was a lack of references to serve as a basis for why they will do what they want to do.

Q 2 Please highlight the limitations and strengths.

Limitations: Why is there a need for the integration of primary care and public health through training future doctors in a medical school in the Philippines with a curriculum based on social accountability and community-engaged medical education? Were there problems encountered in the curricula of other universities offering the medical program? There is a need to add more references (current) in the introduction as the basis for the objective of the study.

Strength: the research provides information on the importance of integrating primary care and public health in the curricula of medicine in universities.

Q 3 Please provide your detailed review report to the authors. The editors prefer to receive your review structured in major and minor comments. Please consider in your review the methods (statistical methods valid and correctly applied (e.g. sample size, choice of test), is the study replicable based on the method description?), results, data interpretation and references. If there are any objective errors, or if the conclusions are not supported, you should detail your concerns.

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PLEASE COMMENT

Q 4 Is the title appropriate, concise, attractive?

The title should have been :

"The integration of primary care and public health through training future doctors in a medical school in the Philippines with a curriculum based on social accountability and community-engaged medical education"

Q 5 Are the keywords appropriate?

The keywords are appropriate

Q 6 Is the English language of sufficient quality?

The use of the English language is good. Only minor errors were found in the manuscript.

Q 7 Is the quality of the figures and tables satisfactory?

Yes.

Q 8 Does the reference list cover the relevant literature adequately and in an unbiased manner?)

The paper should add more current published research (10 years at least) to support the arguments in the introduction and discussion.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Q 9 Originality



Q 10 Rigor



Q 11 Significance to the field



Q 12 Interest to a general audience



Q 13 Quality of the writing



Q 14 Overall scientific quality of the study



REVISION LEVEL

Q 15 Please make a recommendation based on your comments:

Minor revisions.