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### ARTICLE DETAILS

<b>TITLE (PROVISIONAL)</b>	Exploring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on doctors' core workplace needs: a qualitative study of internal medicine trainees in Scotland
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### VERSION 1 – REVIEW

<b>REVIEWER</b>	Sheikh, Mohd USC Keck School of Medicine, Surgery
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	26-May-2021

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	Very interesting study on a very important topic. I think findings can be easily extrapolated to other specialties. I commend the authors on this study idea.
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<b>REVIEWER</b>	Crawford, Gregory B. Cent Adelaide Local Hlth Network
<b>REVIEW RETURNED</b>	08-Jun-2021

<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	<p>Thank you. This is an interesting and relevant piece of research. The impact of COVID on internal medicine trainees is likely to be illuminative of the impact more broadly on doctors in training.</p> <p>There are 2 issues that might confuse an international audience. I do not know what "Project Wingman" is and could not find any explanation in the text. The use of "mess" in the text and quotes is very UK specific. Even the use of "doctor's mess" might clarify more but I would suggest using "doctor's common room".</p> <p>There is a minor typographical error with repetition of a verb in the Introduction on p4 l51</p>
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### VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

<p>Reviewer: 1 Dr. Mohd Sheikh, USC Keck School of Medicine</p> <p>Comments to the Author: Very interesting study on a very important topic. I think findings can be easily extrapolated to other specialties. I commend the authors on this study</p>	Many thanks for comments.
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<p>Reviewer: 2 Dr. Gregory B. Crawford, Cent Adelaide Local Hlth Network Comments to the Author: Thank you. This is an interesting and relevant piece of research. The impact of COVID on internal medicine trainees is likely to be illuminative of the impact more broadly on doctors in training.</p>	Many thanks for comments.
<p>There are 2 issues that might confuse an international audience. I do not know what "Project Wingman" is and could not find any explanation in the text. The use of "mess" in the text and quotes is very UK specific. Even the use of "doctor's mess" might clarify more but I would suggest using "doctor's common room".</p>	<p>Thank you for highlighting these. We have clarified Project Wingman: 'Project Wingman, volunteer airline crew from across the UK' Page 11 line 313 We have also explained the use of the word 'mess': 'mix in the mess [doctors' common room] with' Page 9 line 216</p>
<p>There is a minor typographical error with repetition of a verb in the Introduction on p4 l51</p>	<p>The sentence with repetition of the word remote now reads: 'There have been some 'silver linings' described with innovative virtual training methods and a transition to online outpatient clinics.'<sup>5</sup> (Page 3 lines 64-65)</p>