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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript is well written. This paper provides a snapshot of the conceptualization and setting up of the Disaster Volunteer Corps (DVC). DVC is a programme where medical students were recruited to receive regular training and assessment from emergency physicians on disaster response principles to fulfil specific roles during a crisis, while working as part of a team under supervision. Introduction should provided with comparison of other disaster volunteer training program and DVC is unique. It says train the trainer approach (cascade model) is used but how many sessions planned by the trained trainer is not provided. Authors can provide how implementation of cascade model is planned. Was pre/post workshop assessment conducted? Inclusion of participants feedback can add value.