

Table 1: Self-reported competence in 5 cardiological clinical skills pre vs post training.

Perceived competence in:	Pre-training		Post-training		p-value
	N	%	N	%	
Blood pressure measurement					
YES	113	95.8	56	94.9	0.534
NO	005	04.2	03	05.1	
Cardiac auscultation					
YES	68	57.6	38	64.4	0.386
NO	50	42.4	21	35.6	
ECG execution					
YES	64	54.2	48	81.4	<0.001
NO	54	45.8	11	18.6	
ECG interpretation					
YES	39	33.1	53	89.8	<0.001
NO	79	66.9	06	10.2	
Defibrillation					
YES	19	16.1	14	23.7	0.219
NO	99	83.9	45	76.3	

Mean values of self-reported competence in five basic cardiological skills among 118 pre-training and 59 post-training medical students, showing definite improvement for ECG execution and interpretation after the cardiology rotation and no difference for the other skills. ECG: Electrocardiograph, N: absolute number of students. p-values obtained via χ^2 test.