

**Supplementary table 2 : Mean scores of NAS in CSAS**

Statement Number	CSAS statements	PY1	PY2	PY3	PY4	Interns
2	I can't see the point in learning communication skills	9.85	12.15	7.54	8.15	12.00
3	Nobody is going to fail his/her medical degree for having poor communication skills	13.00	17.23	23.38	23.85	17.54
6	I haven't got time to learn communication skills.	11.77	15.77	14.38	13.77	13.77
8	I can't be bothered to turn up to sessions on communication skills	11.31	13.77	14.00	12.85	14.23
11	Communication skills teaching states the obvious and then complicates it	12.31	11.23	12.46	11.23	12.77
13	Learning communication skills is too easy.	17.23	18.31	13.85	24.69	18.69
15	I find it difficult to trust information about communication skills given to me by non-clinical lecturers	10.54	14.62	26.31	15.23	15.77
17	Communication skills teaching would have a better image if it sounded more like a science subject.	13.62	19.69	13.38	17.46	18.00
19	I don't need good communication skills to be a doctor	6.92	20.46	7.38	7.85	11.62
20	I find it hard to admit having some problems with my communication skills	14.15	21.77	13.31	21.92	16.69
22	My ability to pass exams will get me through medical school rather than my ability to communicate	13.15	18.62	13.92	21.77	18.92
24	I find it difficult to take communication skills learning seriously.	11.31	14.38	13.62	14.23	13.38
26	Communication skills learning should be left to psychology students, not medical students	9.92	11.69	26.15	13.38	11.62

*Numbers represent average scores for NAS*

*NAS: Negative attitude statements; CSAS: Communication skills attitude scale*