Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of a stress coping strategy on perceived stress levels and performance during a simulated cardiopulmonary resuscitation: A randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer: Akira Nishisaki

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This revised version of the manuscript is overall well written addressed reviewer’s concerns. Some minor correction/clarification is necessary before acceptance.

Major Compulsory Revision
1. None. All of my previous comments are appropriately addressed.

- Minor Essential Revisions
1. In Introduction, line 15, “comparatively” should be “relatively”.
2. In introduction at the end of the second paragraph, page 2, “one’s performance” should be “one’s own performance”.
3. In introduction, the third paragraph, “medical settings”, “medical performance” should be “clinical settings”, “clinical performance”.
4. In discussion section, authors discussed about ‘chronic stress’ in the third paragraph. I believe the stress related to CPR is an acute stress and not chronic stress. Authors need to clarify this.
5. In the same paragraph, GP needs to be either spelled out or written as “general practitioner (GP)” for the first time it appears in the manuscript.

Level of interest
- An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English
- Acceptable

Statistical review
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Is it essential that this manuscript be seen by an expert statistician?
- No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician. They appropriately analyzed the result.

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- Upon addressing my minor comments, I advise this manuscript to be accepted for publication.