Reviewer's report

Title: Awareness of health risks related to body art practices among youth in Naples, Italy: a descriptive convenience sample study

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Re Awareness of health risks
I believe there has been very good improvements on this manuscript but I have a few minor revision suggestions and a couple major compulsory revisions that I believe are important to address.

Minor Revisions:
P4 first paragraph . . adopted these local regulations (remove “with)
Shops, jewelry stores or at home can still provide youths with ready access
P7 A majority of students recognized . . . spontaneous closing “for piercings”, as a means of removal.
P10 . . . want body art . . regardless of costs, risks, or parental? non-support would be good if there was a reference for this statement in this discussion.

Major compulsory revisions
P9 “correct” modes of elimination. In this discussion section, please discuss, as you did in your explanation of the changes that you made for this revision, . . . the options were surgical removal and no response was provided for lasers which might have been confusing for the actual responses . . and some of them wrote in “laser” as another method. Please give the students credit for their knowledge.
P10 Last line . . who is the service provider, do you mean the studio artist?
Please clarify
P11 This suggests that professionals in the field . . who is that? Are you meaning studio artists-they are not professionals, or are you meaning MD, nurses, etc? please clarify

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests