Reviewer's report

Title: Short and long-term career plans of final year dental students in the United Arab Emirates

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This study is a well-defined study with clear aims and sound methodology. However, there are some comments that should be addressed.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. Methods: More details on data collection is needed. Did the students receive the questionnaires in classroom settings? Did they return it immediately?
2. Discussion: The comparisons have been made with the data from European and American countries with a significantly different culture while there are regional data in this field, such as the following from Iran:
3. Page 6, par. 3: What is "internship training centre"? More details on the dental education system in UAE, and Ajman University are needed, either in introduction or discussion part, for international reader who is not familiar with this system.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. Page 5, paragraph 1: It's better to move the last two sentences (from "Research into motivation...") to an appropriate place in discussion.
2. Page 6, par. 2, last sentence: Correct 'not important at all'.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Page 7, results: the first sentence can be deleted.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests