Reviewer's report

Title: Neurophobia: Fear of neurology during medical clerkship in three Nigerian medical schools

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Major compulsory Revisions:
The authors present an interesting and for he most parts well written study on the fear of neurology in medical students. However, the article could benefit from the following revisions:

1. Aims of the study (abstract, background): The aims of the study / study questions are not clearly and consistently described. Please clarify and make sure they are consistent in the whole paper.

2. Methods: This section could benefit from a explicit structure with the subtitles “study design and study sample”, “instruments”, “data analysis”. A description of the content of the questionnaire should be added (the 10 questions could be listed) and the procedure of the analysis of the open questions should be explained.

The response rate is surprisingly high. Information on how you assured such a high response rate could be interesting.

3. Results: The percentages given as to the study sample do not add up to 100%. Please check.

The presentation of the results is a little bit confusing. This might be clearer once the content of the questionnaire is described in the method section. Please make sure that the titles of the figures and tables give all relevant information, such as to what the axes in the figures and the numbers and percentages given in the tables refer.

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 declare that I have no competing interests.