Reviewer’s report

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Minor essential revisions
1 Please state the qualitative approach adopted to code the interviews
2 Table 1 – prior experience. The mean group scores indicate that level 2 is significantly different from levels 5 and 6. Please revise as necessary.
3 Table 2 – the results of the Bonferroni tests were not presented with Table 2
4 P11 – typo ‘SC’ should be changed to ‘CS’
5 P12 – Please present the data that supports this statement. ‘For some students, only a limited increase was observed while others displayed a dramatic increase.’

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