Reviewer's report

Title: Brazilian version of the Jefferson Scale of Empathy: psychometric properties and confirmatory factor analysis

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Minor Essential Revisions:
1. The authors inconsistent use of the scale's title. Is it JSE student version? JSE-Pt or Port? JSPE?
2. Paragraphs throughout the manuscript are single sentences. This is very distracting to the reader. Many single sentenced paragraphs can be combined with either the preceding or proceeding sentence or both.
3. The label OSCE was not capitalized when spelled out on p. 4, yet it was on p. 5. Once the acronym is stated, it should be used thereafter.
4. The word forth is misspelled on p. 5.
5. On p. 3 the word thousand should be converted to a number
6. On p. 7, the word PCA was never identified, yet the acronym was used
7. On p. 8 a space is needed between reference 20 and 21
8. On p. 9, last sentence in the first paragraph is awkward, consider deleting "for the comprehension of empathy"

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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