Reviewer's report

**Title:** Comparative study of an externship program versus a corporate-academic cooperation program for enhancing nursing competence of students graduating from junior nursing colleges

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**Reviewer:** Elizabeth McGann

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Discretionary Revisions

1. The title might be simpler. Perhaps substitute clinical for corporate?
2. Perhaps research questions could be stated following the purpose.
3. Might want to integrate some references on nurse-residency programs in the US. A good reference is the AACN - American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

General Comments:

Methods were sound and well described.
Discussion and conclusions were adequately supported by the data
Limitations are clearly stated.
Excellent literature review and integration of additional supporting literature in the discussion section.
Well written

**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:**

No to all of the above.