Reviewer's report

Title: Psychological Morbidity, Sources of Stress and Coping Strategies among undergraduate Medical Students of Nepal

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Reviewer: Babar Tasneem SHAIKH

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1. There is no mention of reasons for refusals (24%) which is considered quite high in such study setting.
2. In basic demographics section, authors do not give gender distribution, nationality statistics, percentages of students living in hostel). All these variables are important while doing analysis of results.
3. In section common coping strategies, authors must explain terms positive reframing, planning, acceptance, active coping and self distraction. As these terms are not universal in studies related to stress, these need proper explanation.
4. Title of paper is suggestive of coping strategies whereas in the end, no new or different coping strategies are suggested by authors with regard to their Nepalese setting.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.