Reviewer's report

Title: Relationship of Creative Projects in Anatomy to Medical Student Professionalism, Test Performance and Stress: An Exploratory Study

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Reviewer: Amy Blue

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Minor Compulsory Revisions:
1) State the number of students enrolled in the course each year in the section regarding subjects.
2) Clarify in the section regarding subjects how many agreed to be interviewed, and of these, how many students were actually project completers and how many were not. (This references the final sentence in this section, on page 5. (I became confused about how many students' data came from what source, since it seemed that not all students who agreed to participate in the study were also interviewed about the creative projects and the course.)
3) In the measure/data analysis, include the number of persons on the research team.
4) With respect to the authors' findings that project non-completers performed better than completers on all exams, my concern is that there were too few subjects to draw this conclusion as strongly as they state. (There were less than 30% in each group, and with respect to the overall student population, less than 40% that participated in the creative project option.) The authors may want to reference this in the discussion section about the difference was found.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.