Reviewer's report

Title: Perceived stress and gastrointestinal symptoms in nursing students in Korea: A cross-sectional survey

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This manuscript reports specifically on stress and its impact on student gastrointestinal symptoms. Based on their findings, the authors discovered that student stress appears to contribute to GI symptoms.

A major drawback of the manuscript pertains to its narrow scope. In short, the authors merely report on a symptom but do not address prevention or treatment. In my opinion, in order to advance our knowledge the authors need to suggest innovative ways in which the emotional and physical wellbeing of students can be promoted within schools of nursing. In other words, what seems to be contributing to student stress within their context? What measures can be taken to prevent this disorder or to assist learners who report symptoms? Although it is well established that student nurses experience stress, more information is required regarding proactive measures.

Finally, the authors are encouraged to ensure that their work is carefully edited prior to formal submission. In its current form, there are missing words along with several spelling and grammatical errors.