Reviewer's report

Title: Hardiness Personality and Burnout Syndrome among nursing students of three Brazilian universities - An analytical study

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The topic of this manuscript is worthwhile, and the results do show a negative relationship between hardiness and burnout syndrome among nursing students. The implication of the manuscript is that hardiness protected the students against sinking into burnout syndrome in the stressful nursing training. With regard to this, it would have been better to measure hardiness at the point when the training began, and burnout syndrome near the end of the training.

A major difficulty in the study is that it uses an old measure of hardiness, the 30 item measure of the Personal Views Survey. What has been used for the last 20 years or so is the 18 item version of this test, which has greater reliability and validity than the 30 item version. But, the older version had been used for many years as well.

Finally, the manuscript is poorly written, in a manner that seems caused by English being a second language for the authors. There are so many changes needed to this that it would have to be led by an editor, not a reviewer.

In any event, I think the manuscript needs to be comprehensively improved, and then resubmitted.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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