Reviewer's report

Title: Experienced Stressors and Coping strategies among Nursing Students

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Reviewer: Fiona Timmins

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General
This is an interesting paper, particularly from a country that may not have published much on this topic. There is a lot of information on student stress that could be incorporated such as Timmins and Nicholl. This international focus needs to be applied particularly to the discussion of the findings. Methods section and results need strengthening. Results appear disjointed by presentation (underlines), lack specific detail or elucidation using tables. Ethical issues need to be discussed as well as limitations.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Updated, relevant, international, applied literature review
Details on sample selection/recruitment, ethical issues and limitations
Description of surveys needs to be more detailed, and findings need to be expanded including tables
Issues of reliability need to be addressed
Conclusion needs to discuss local issues within an international context and make solid recommendations for practice

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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)


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: No