Reviewer's report

Title: Nursing students motivation toward their studies - a survey study

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General
1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
Yes, but the introductory paragraph is awkward. The term, utility, needs to be described.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
Yes, but reliability and validity statistics for the scale on motivation would improve the section.

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
Yes. The results are clear.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
Ethics: need to specify who approved the study of the student group.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
Yes, the discussion is appropriate.

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes, for the title. I did not read the abstract.

7. Is the writing acceptable?
Some awkward phrasing throughout; commas and minor copy editing needed.

Accept with revisions.

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

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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)

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interests in relation to the paper.