Reviewer's report

Title: The sense of coherence and styles of success in the medical career: a longitudinal study

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1) The parts that have been rewritten need specific attention toward grammar and spelling! For example: In the background: p1, line 8 "the following took place" - presumably you mean "the follow up took place"?
   p1. line 9: "has been reported very two years" - very = every?
   p1. line 10: "since 2009 measurement ran into the first half of April) - measurement should be plural.

2) You have extensively referenced the sentence on p.1 lines 4-6 of your background - you may want to revise your referencing and reference the following information in the paragraph as well - it seems you have included new information without adapting the rest of the text to it.

3) Well done for trying to clarify your goal on page 5 of your background. The sentence, however, needs revision! It is not clear and holds grammatical errors! Also, a better build up to this from your background information would show more coherence. Overall, re-read your background for grammatical mistakes and flow!

4) You have included a paragraph on the limitations of your study. This too needs revision with regards to grammatical errors. You have used the same sentence in your conclusion without errors! For example, omissions of "a" and "of". Also, "the study presents the range of limitations" should be "the study presents a range of limitations". Your discussion could overall do with a more comprehensive approach.

5) Reading your method and results again it becomes confusing what you have done within this particular study. Your method describes a range of questionnaires and tests for assessing, both, the sense of coherence and the success in the medical career. In your results section you describe the results of the SOC-29 questionnaire, only. You seem to have described in your methodology something that is not relevant to the results of this present project. Clarify for the reader what you have tested and state the resulting outcomes in your results section.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests