Reviewer’s report

Title: Italian Version of Nursing Students' Perception of Instructor Caring (I-NSPIC): assessment of Reliability and Validity

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Reviewer: Sherry Dahlke

Reviewer's report:

Overall your methods, analysis and discussion were relatively easy to understand. This paper could be strengthened by a stronger and clearer background. Specifically a definition of what is meant by caring in the beginning would be helpful. The term caring has been used in a variety of ways, actually there is a body of literature about caring in nurses, so I definition of what you mean by use of the word would be helpful. I wonder if you are meaning supportive behaviours? Also several terms for the teacher (i.e. preceptorship, tutor, instuctor)are used creating confusion. Please pick one and use it consistently. On page 5 line 45 the sentence "unfortunately many caring instructors are not aware of their role" raises alot of questions. What do you mean? On page 6 line 20 beginning with Therefore, developing a means.... is a big leap. Wondering if you mean that if instructors are able to understand that they are not perceived as caring they could change their behaviors? A survey on its own will not improve students' perceptions of caring. Page 6 line 45 you talk about less space. To me that means physical space. Is that what is intended or do you mean less emphasis or less time?

Page 10 line 50 "We present..." that sounds like you authored a survey tool. Do you mean that we have used the Italian version or something like that? Page 11 line 33 that begins with "the possible reason.... that is a strong claim. Do you have a reference? The sentence page 12 line 57 "It is likely.... doesn't make sense. Not sure what you are trying to say.

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