Reviewer's report

Title: Factors deterring dentistry, medical, pharmacy, and social science undergraduates from pursuing nursing as a healthcare career: A cross-sectional study in an Asian university

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Reviewer: Kerry Wilbur

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Factor deterring undergraduates from pursuing nursing is an interesting examination of student choice for the nursing profession.

Page 3, line 6: Consider using present tense instead of 'it WAS further estimated...' and 'will' instead of 'WOULD increase by one billion'

Page 3, line 24-26: what data do you have to support the significant challenges in nurse recruitment and retention

Page 3, line 52: I am unfamiliar with the term, "school leaver" and perhaps other readers are. Line 57-58: consider combining these sentences ("their career choice." and "This would").

Page 4, lines 23-31: Tell me more about these parallel scales. What is the relevance of the 2nd parallel scale? Why not use just 1?

Page 5, Participants: Were investigators involved with these courses?

Page 5, Ethical Considerations: Is the submission meant to be blinded? The IRB code unblinds it.

Page 7, lines 21-23: I am looking for more information on these "potential participants" and "good representation of the number of students". How many of each are in each discipline's program? I don't have a good sense of the population number.
Page 8, lines 1-2: What does it mean when you say nurses were less likely influenced by their personal interests? What are examples of personal interests they ignored? Why would they be more likely to ignore them than others?

Page 12, line 28. "perceived as gays" - this is an inflammatory way to write about sexual orientation. Please try something like "linked to a perceived sexual orientation".

Page 12, lines 36-38: What are the references for these studies?

Page 13, Limitations: Are there other tools that could have been used in this study? Is this the first time using the tool in a study (sorry if I overlooked this elsewhere).

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