Reviewer’s report

Title: Resilience and well-being of university nursing students in Hong Kong: a cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Alvisa Palese

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Dear Author

Thank you for having given the opportunity to revise the manuscript.

a) In the first paragraph, there is a not clear introduction with regard the population of interest and the literature is presented not in coherent manner. I suggest to focus at the beginning the problems in the field of nursing students and well as providing antecedents and consequences.

b) Among the review there is also a need to increase data with regard the previous literature in the field of resilience in nursing students field. I suggest to provide more data aiming at helping readers to have a global picture

c) The fact that nursing education in HK is likelihood more intensive and stressful should be supported by some appropriate references. Moreover also the sentence regarding the Chinese culture should be supported.

d) The last paragraph regarding the well-being seems to be not integrated with the previous. Therefore, I suggest to revise the entire introduction by presenting the tree concepts in the field of nursing education citing all available literature and presenting also the interconnected relationship across concepts.
e) In the methods, no indication with regard the demographic data collected has been provided that have been cited later in data analysis. Moreover, the concept of senior should also be supported with appropriate reference or rationale.

f) Aiming at providing more data to the international readers, I suggest to include more information with regard the moment when the survey was performed, if all students were exposed to the clinical experience or not and in general, some more features of the nursing programmes.

g) I suggest to provide in the first instance the correlations between the tools and then to present the hierarchical model and also to provide the bivariate analysis aiming at introducing in the model only those variables significantly associated at the bivariate analysis. The subheading announcing the hierarchical model is not appropriate.

h) In the discussion, more debate with regard the students profile, as compared with national data should be provided aiming at establishing the external validity of the findings.

i) Moreover, among the limitations, there is a need to provide a more range of limitations, e.g. you have collected limited personal data and, as indicated by the variance explained, the phenomena should be studied in the future by collecting more data.

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