Reviewer’s report

Title: Perceived stress, reasons for and sources of stress among medical students at Rabigh Medical College, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

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Reviewer: NAZAN KARAOGLU

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Dear authors,

First of all your interest about medical students stress and well being is important. It is known that they really need help.

In introduction part you should to mentioned why we should detect stress and what are the consequences of it depending on mostly in Arabic studies. The methods section should declare what kind of a study it is? You decribed the school but till the end no information about the gender of the students. The PSS was used. You got its test reset validity from another study (in reference 17 reference 7). We should to see your cronbachs alpha in this study. You should refere the validated Arabic version of it cause you said that you used both languages. You translated it or is there a validated one in Arabic? You entioned about severity levels but what are your cutt of levels for PSS and I couldnt find it in tables also.

In results section you didnot referred to table one. In table to you gave the Likert scale results. Likert uses numbers so that you can use them to calculate scores and compare to each other. In table to you can calculate scores for academic sources or psychosocial stressors for example and compare it. In sum tables should be checked and reorganized. I learned as a reader that study population had high level of stress but I want to see a more detailed documentation of it. Should these all be treated or most of them are in acceptable needed level of stress or not?

In discussion you report the results of other studies but you did not discussed probable factors resulting in these similarities and differences or the probable factors affected your results. Conclusion is not enough for a short summary of your work and so simple.

Kind regards

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

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