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The authors made a commendable effort to study perceived stress among medical students in a fairly new established medical school which was the study location. However, the authors have limited justifications as to why the research was done in the area. It would be more justified if the authors could add some references on the trends of the prevalence of stress among medical students globally and locally.

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