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Title: Self – handicapping among Nursing Students: An Interventional Study

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Abstract

Please identify the country where the study was completed. Furthermore, the structure and grammar of the abstract should be reviewed. For example, the sentence "Teaching the problem solving skill to the experimental group was done in six sessions, each lasting two hours" should be revised to "Teaching problem solving skills to the experimental group was completed in six sessions, each lasting two hours. Also, use the term subject or participant and not people.

Background

Line 30 needs to be revised and a reference is required. Line 53-55 should be revised to improve its understanding.

Methods

Regarding the procedures, who explained the study to the participants? Was it the study authors or someone else? Did they receive training?
Results
The wording on line 187 is awkward and difficult to understand. What type of t-test was used? "Statistical t-test" does not make sense in English.

Discussion
This section is well written and relates the results to existing literature.

Limitation
This section needs to be revised to discuss the limitations of the study and also to improve the sentence structure. The first sentence is not capitalized.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
Overall, the paper provides a novel study of self-handicapping from Iran. Additional work is needed to clarify and revise sections of the manuscript to improve its understanding so it may withstand the peer-review process.

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No

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