Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of clinical placements on the emotional intelligence of occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology, and business students: a longitudinal study

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The authors of the study are commended for the work which they have presented. It is found to be acceptable and worthy of publishing. As a reviewer I have my following comments:

Title: Title of the research is good. The variables are well reflected in the title.

Abstract: It is good. All elements are well presented.

Background: The background of the research and literature reviewed is relatively good.

Method: Method adopted to collect data for the study was good. Mention the exact gap period at three time points. In the data collection section mention the data collection procedure followed while collecting data from Business students. Also for long period the online survey was opened is not clear.

Also not clear why T2 results were not presented. A clarification is appreciated.

Results: Appropriate statistical techniques have been used.

The retention rate for therapy students was not 49% but 50% (142/283).

An explanation may help why there was so poor response for business students at T3.

I do hope the researchers have used small sample statistics for table 3 as the n for business students dropped here to 20.

Discussion and conclusion:

The discussion and conclusion are in line with findings stated in the paper. The authors have identified the limitations of the study which is very good.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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