Reviewer’s report

Title: Motives, Experiences and Psychological Strain in Medical Students Engaged in Refugee Care in a Reception Center - A Mixed-Methods Approach

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Reviewer: Caroline Joyce

Reviewer's report:

Congratulations on the updated version of your manuscript. The revised paper will make an exciting contribution to the current literature.

I am happy with most of the revisions you have made to the manuscript, however, there are a few revisions and comments I would like to make on the current manuscript.

Point 3 - page 3, line 19-20 - Thank you for making the relevant changes to this section by adding a sentence to explain what you were referring to when using the word field. In the sentence you added it is not clear what "latter" is referring to, could you please clarify?

Point 14 - page 26 (lines 13-17) - Thank you for clarifying this point. Could I suggest you reword the end of the sentence? May I suggest the following wording after "fearful attachment...." "compared to a sample of first year medical students in study conducted by Bugaj et al., (2016)."

Point 15 - I am a little confused by your response to this point. I think you need to clarify the results in table 5 are being compared with the results of a previous study - Bugaj et al., 2016. Although this study is referenced under the table and on page 21, the relevance of comparing your data with the data from this study is not clearly stated anywhere in this manuscript until the result section. I would assume that Bugaj paper supports and provides context to your study? If so the relevance and importance of this study should be cited in the introduction to support the aims of your study. I would also expect you to make some reference in the method section that you are comparing your results with Bugaj study and note the relevant analysis you undertook to provide data for table 5. As the manuscript stands I feel there is no justification presented as to why this paper suddenly appears in the results and no justification has been presented why this has been done.

Could you please revise by including the relevance of the Bugaj study in your introduction section and how this paper supports the aims of your study. It would also be helpful to your readers in the method section to state how the results from Bugaj will be included in your analysis and what statistical test will be used.

I'm really looking forward to reading the final copy of your paper.
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