Reviewer’s report

Title: Stressors and resources related to academic studies and improvements suggested by medical students: a qualitative study

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Reviewer: Maria Barbosa

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The work is interesting although in the literature we already find publications on the subject. Some recommendations are needed:

1) Please check the meaning of the sentence in lines 18 and 19 of the INTRODUCTION item, p. 3

2) I do not agree that the participant (subject of the study) is rewarded to participate in a survey. I do not think it's ethical. (see Methods - study participants)

3) RESULTS: Questions: Where did the focus groups occur?
In total there were 68, but how many participated by Group?
Why did the authors receive additional information about age and sex from only six groups?
How did VALIDATION and interpretation of results occur?

DISCUSSION: It is necessary to bring more authors, other researches to discuss the data

REFERENCES: It is necessary to look for more recent references. The most recent ones used by the authors are from 2016.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?  
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Yes

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