Reviewer’s report

Title: The Impact of Gender and Academic Achievement on the Violation of Academic Integrity for Medical Faculty Students, a descriptive cross-sectional survey study

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1. Introduction: the statement of the problem should have been supported with more "recent" studies. There is plenty of citable literature in this topic.
2. The authors mentioned a study in Zagreb, I think you should mention that Zagreb is a city in Croatia. Also this study focuses only on "plagiarism". I agree that it is an important dimension in determining the academic dishonesty, but I believe there are many other references that include other aspects of academic dishonesty and can be better used.
3. There are 2 studies conducted in "Turkey" about academic dishonesty among health science schools students: (a) https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26002938 (b) https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21646326. They can be very useful to include.
4. Methods: "No sampling method was used". I think this statement should be replaced by "A non-random sampling method was used where participants volunteered..."
5. Methods: The authors mentioned that [Academic achievement was measured by the answer to the question "What is your academic achievement level?"]. I believe that this is a defect in the methodology, because students may tend to report a higher academic achievement level.
6. Table 1: the reported p value of the last variable "Have you read the Student Disciplinary Regulation code for Higher Education Institutions?" is p=665. I think this needs to be rechecked.
7. References: More recent references need to be included.
8. Reference number 20, the year is placed after the authors.

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