Reviewer's report

Title: Motivations of nursing students regarding their educational preparation for mental health nursing in Australia and the United Kingdom: A survey evaluation

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Major compulsory revisions

Abstract
In abstract section, please add the number of participant, sampling method and structure of survey.

Introduction
No, it is not. The introduction is prepared very poor. The research’s problem is remained unclear. Why two separately programs (in UK and Australia) is compared with together? What was the purpose of authors for this comparison? While, they expressed in first sentence of background section (page 4, line 96-97) that the psychiatric nursing program in UK and Australia are different. In addition, it is appropriate to explain more about the structure and principles of the psychiatric nursing training in UK and Australia.

Overall, what knowledge will be added to body knowledge of nursing discipline by this manuscript?

Methods
How the sample size is determined? Do all students were selected? Because the authors were expressed “employing a convenience sample” (in page 5, line 132). Why 395 participants were selected? What was total number of students in each country? What percent of research population was participated in this study? What percent of participants were completed the survey? Do face validity is sufficient to determine validity? Or content validity is required? Why the reliability of survey has not been determined? Also, it is better the survey descript clearly and explain about scoring of it.

Results
Number of students is better adding in method section. There is not data about comparison between UK and Australia results.

Discussion
The authors only compared their finding with other studies. There is not their logical interpretation about data. In result section, the authors did not mentioned about role of mentorship for student motivation, while mentoring is discussed in page 10, line 254 in detail.
**Level of interest:** An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests