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Reviewer reports:

Angel Romero-Collado (Reviewer 1): I thank the authors for the opportunity to review this paper again. The authors have improved the paper based on the previous comments.

Emilia Kielo (Reviewer 2): Thank you for revising your manuscript. You have answered to my comments and revised the manuscript well. I have only two minor comments left:

Could you shorty explain somewhere in the text or together with the table 2 how many hours of student's work is one credit in your system. (For example in Europe, 1 credit (ECTS) is approx. 27 hours of student's work.)

Thank you, we added how the credit hours were calculated into the manuscript.

Results: Was the difference between national pass rates and RUHS CON scores statistically significant?

We added in the t-test showing that there is no difference in scores between the pass rates.

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