Reviewer’s report

Title: Misconceptions about traumatic brain injury among nursing students in India: Implications for nursing care and curriculum

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Reviewer: Ingrid Poulsen

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Dear authors,

Your manuscript is interesting and it is an important area of nursing, namely education of nursing students.

However I have some concerns, I hope you can solve.
1. In the introduction, the importance of misconceptions are mentioned many times, but it would help to know what kind of misconceptions it is. Give some examples please.
2. You are using a questionnaire developed for patients, not for students and it has never before been used for students. You have to argue for why it can be used with your purpose.
3. Was the questionnaire initially validated otherwise than by Cronbachs Alpha, please add to manuscript?
4. Why did you sum the four answer possibilities into only two?
5. The sentence on page 11: "The overall mean score for our sample was 22.73 with Standard Deviation (SD) of 4.69. This was significantly higher than the median score of 19.5 (t(142)=8.249, p-value=0.001), indicating the enormity and importance of TBI misconceptions" needs more explanation as you in Table 2 use percent to describe the misconceptions.
6. The reader is not informed of what content the curriculum for nursing students have with respect to TBI. Thus, it is difficult to know what to think of the results. Is the study more aimed to consider educational and didactic practice?
7. I just wonder: is age of nursing students in India normally as low as in your study?
8. I suggests the discussion should be more reflective towards the existing curriculum and the use of the questionnaire, which not was developed for students. This should also be discussed in limitations.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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