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Dear Editor,

The authors conducted a cross-sectional study to evaluate an association between clinical dishonesty and perceived clinical stress among nursing students in southeast of Iran. The manuscript is within the scope the journal and will add to knowledge on the influence of clinical dishonesty on perceived stress. However, I fell the authors may need to improve the manuscripts to deem it fit for publication.

**Abstract**

Line 18, page 1, authors stated that they evaluated the frequency of clinical dishonesty in the past semester. The use of word, 'past semester' is not specific as it makes it difficult for audience to understand. Is it first or second semester? Specify the exact period

Line 22, page 1, Authors now bring in another word, last semester. Very conflicting with previous word.

Line 22-25, page 1-2. Were the association significant? Authors must provide exact p-values in parenthesis against each variable found to be associated with frequency of clinical dishonesty

**Method**

-Line 71, page 4. This was a descriptive-analytic correlational study. What kind of study design is this? In the Abstract the authors stated they used a cross-sectional correlational study. Authors need to be a simple and consistent as possible and not to confuse readers.

-How would authors justify the sample size recruited for this study.
Results

- Authors must provide footnotes for all tables to explain what the values.
- Authors must be consistent in the decimal place regarding the values in parenthesis in all tables.
- In Table 3 there is a column that indicated N (%) but only one value was provided. Authors must clarify
- Table 4. What does *** and ** represent. Authors must provide table footnote. Again, Authors used spearman correlation in multiple testing. Did authors consider the probability of false discovery rate and the need to correct

Discussion

- Authors must provide a paragraph of study limitations at the last paragraph of the discussion

Minor comments

- Line 15, page 1. Cross sectional must be cross-sectional
- Line 15, page 1. Consider replacing 'performed on' with 'conducted among' or 'undertaken among'
- Line 104, page 5 Nonparametric tests should be hyphenated as Non-parametric tests

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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