Reviewer’s report

Title: The Relationship between Clinical Dishonesty and Perceived Clinical Stress among Nursing Students in Southeast of Iran

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This is an important and interesting topic. The manuscript is clearly written, however, a few issues in the methodology section needs to be clarified.

i) The participants were drawn from four colleges, how many participants were selected per college how was the number per college reached at?

ii) How did you reach the students in each class? Were you introduced by the Lecturers?

iii) The questionnaires were distributed in classrooms and collected after being filled out by the students, how long did the students in each class stay with the questionnaires?

iv) How did you control for contamination or discussion of answers among the students?

v) Were the students compensated for their time?

vi) How about interference with their classes/lectures?

vii) When did you get the written consent from the participants?

Discussion:

i) Page 9, lines 169-171: Study showed that 89.1% of participants had done at least one clinical dishonest behaviour. This is less than rate reported in Korean 66% and American 54%. Is this correct?

ii) Page 9, lines 171-172, the sentence is not clear

ii) Page 9, line 176, delete : before recording or reporting vital signs

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