Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing the effects of the nursing education reform on the educational environment in Tajikistan: a repeated cross-sectional analysis

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Reviewer: Panayota Sourtzi

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Thank you for inviting me to review this article, which presents an interesting topic for nursing educators as it evaluates the changes that have been applied by using pre- and post-measures. However, there are some points that the authors should consider in revising this article so that it would be possible for readers to understand better the results. More specifically:

1. In the background section it could be useful to add a short description of the nursing education programme, e.g. level, duration, comparison with international accepted standards. Also to explain the relationship between general nursing education and family nursing; is it included in the undergraduate programme or is it a postgraduate education? in that case there are perhaps more explanations needed.
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