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Dear Editors

Please find a revised paper for your consideration ‘Implementing advance care planning: a qualitative study of community nurses’ views and experiences’.

I am grateful to the three reviewers for their helpful comments and advice and detail below the changes made in the light of these:

**Reviewer 1 (Cartwright):**
- We have added a short section into the discussion section on page 23 which covers the point about how to ensure that ACP does not become a tick box exercise.
- We have corrected the typographical errors listed
- We have amended, where appropriate, the terms requiring hyphens (except for policy documents in the UK which do not have these).

**Reviewer 2 (Robinson):**
- We have added more information about the number of focus groups, data saturation, development of the aide memoire, and extent of nurses existing training in ACP on page 7.
- The question about how experienced the nurses were is already covered on page 7.
- We have added a comment (as a limitation) on page 20 about potential differences in the views and experiences of different groups of nurses in the study.
- Prior to the discussion section on page 19, we have added a note about the link between the recommendations on education and training and the nurses’ experiences.

**Reviewer 3 (Willems):**
- We have slightly edited the first two sections of the results to make them a little shorter.
- We have added an additional point about timing that seems relevant on pages 13-14.
- We have added an observation in the discussion section about the need for research on the initiation of ACP discussions by clinical staff, page 22

Thank you for considering the revised paper. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Yours sincerely

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