Author's response to reviews

Title: Tactile massage and hypnosis as a health promotion for nurses in emergency care - a qualitative study

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Dear Editor,

Here is a point-by-point response to each of the concerns addressed by the reviewers of the manuscript “Tactile massage and hypnosis as a health promotion for nurses in emergency care – a qualitative study”.

Please also find attached a revised manuscript with all changes made (coloured text/tracked-changes).

Reviewer 1:

• The abbreviation i.e. and e.g. are often used in the paper as part of a sentence rather than in parenthesis. On several occasions this makes for rather odd reading of the sentence and it would be better to use parenthesis for this text. For example on p3 the sentence starting “One aspect ...” would read better I feel if the text was “.... resources to meet constant interruptions (i.e. telephones) and the cluttered work environment.”

Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

• I’m not sure what was meant by the sentence which refers on p3 to nurses being unable to work in a professional manner during their shift – some contextualization of what was meant by not working in a professional manner would be helpful.

Reply: We have tried to better explain the meaning of work in a professional manner and hope it is now more comprehensible.

Reviewer 2:
There are a few minor changes required related to the translation from Swedish to English. These are:

- **Abstract** - find contributions, change contribution to contributing.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Background** - change activities has to activities have.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Background** - Sentence beginning 'at the short term...' change from integrative care unit to integrative care unit was designed at the end of 2004 to implement a health promotion intervention project...
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Background** - change 33,8 to 33.8 and 42,1 to 42.1.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Participants** - change receive treatments to receive the health promotion intervention.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Participants** - add 'a' between in and focus.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Participants** - add 'and' between ward and were.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised.

- **Throughout the manuscript** change treatments to health promotion intervention.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Category 1** - Change from to feel relaxed and get more energy... feeling relaxed and gaining more energy.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Category 2** - Change from to deal with workload to dealing with workload.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

- **Category 3** - Change from to relieve to relieving.
  
  Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.
• Category 4: Change from to be treated to being treated.
Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

• Category 5: Change from to know oneself to knowing oneself.
Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

• Study limitations, time span- how long was it?
Reply: The time span was from May 2005 to Feb 2006. The text has been revised accordingly.

• Throughout the manuscript change informant to participant.
Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

• Methods, (16/57) change to stating there were 16 participants in the focus groups and there were 57 in the health promotion intervention.
Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

• Analysis, (Table 2) should be (Tables 1 & 2).
Reply: The text has been revised accordingly.

Editorial request:
• Please ensure the reporting in the revised manuscript adheres to the requirements for qualitative research, we urge you to consider the RATS guidelines (http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/rats) or the COREQ guidelines (http://intqhc.oxfordjournals.org/content/19/6/349.long) as a reference for the reporting of the study.
Reply: The manuscript have been checked in accordance to the RATS/CORE guidelines.

Best regards,
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