Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Jenny Wilkinson

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Overall a well written and executed study.

Discretionary Revisions

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.”

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 contextualisation of what was meant by not working in a professional manner would be helpful.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests