Reviewer's report

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

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Discretionary Revisions

These are recommendations for improvement which the author can choose to ignore. For example clarifications, data that would be useful but not essential.

When assessing the work, please consider the following points:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   Yes the question is clear.
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   Yes.
3. Are the data sound?
   Yes, more data could have been written but the data is appropriate to illustrate the findings.
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes.
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes.
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   Yes.
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   Yes.
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   It reflects the research project.
9. Is the writing acceptable?
   There are a few minor changes required related to the translation from Swedish to English. These are:
   * Abstract -findings, change contribution to contributing.
* Background- change activities has to activities have.
* Background- Sentence beginning 'at the short term...' change from integrative care unit to integrative care unit was designed at the ned of 2004 to implement a health promotion intervention project...
* Background, change 33,8 to 33.8 and 42,1 to 42.1
* Participants, change receive treatments to received the health promotion intervention.
* Participants, add 'a' between in and focus.
* Participants, add 'and' between ward and were.
* Throughout the manuscript change treatments to health promotion intervention
* Category 1: Change from to feel relaxed and get more energy... feeling relaxed and gaining more energy.
* Category 2: Change from to deal with workload to dealing with workload.
* Category 3: Change from to relive to relieving.
* Category 4: Change from to be treated to being treated.
* Category 5: Change from to know oneself to knowing oneself.
* Study limitations, time span- how long was it?
* Throughout the manuscript change informant to participant.

Other discretionary revisions:
Methods, (16/57) change to stating there were 16 participants in the focus groups and there were 57 in the health promotion intervention.

Analysis, (Table 2) should be (Tables 1 & 2).

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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'