Reviewer's report

Title: Perceptions of nurses on online learning

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Reviewer: Deborah Stiffler

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Thank you for allowing me to review this article. As a faculty member working in a nursing school and uses online teaching methods, this manuscript was very informative.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? No. It is confusing whether the author is talking about continuing education courses, nursing degree programs, or in-service training at the nurse's place of employment. It is possible that the author is addressing all three, but it is not clear. This is a major compulsory revision.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? As far as I can tell, the methods are appropriate, but they are not described well. A clearer description of how the sample was obtained is important. This is a minor essential revision.

3. Are the data sound? As far as I can tell, the data and the statistical analysis are fine.

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? For the most part, yes. There were some conclusions that address learning styles, which this data was not described, and the reader would be confused as to where this information has come. This is a minor essential revision.

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 Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? No. There may be no other work.

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes

Is the writing acceptable? No. There has been difficulty translating this paper into English. Many mispelled words and verb tense errors. This is a major compulsory revision, but could be done with editors who know English as a first language.

Overall, this manuscript needs major compulsory revisions, but they should be reasonably easy to complete. The majority of the problems are related to translation errors. Please make your changes and re-submit this manuscript. It was very interesting.

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

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests