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Dear Dr. Morrey

Thank you for your reply on our research article ‘Do knowledge, knowledge sources and reasoning skills affect the accuracy of nursing diagnoses? A randomised study’. In order of your comments I will give you the revisions made.
Please, see our answers on your questions as listed below marked with *.

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Dear Dr Paans,

Thank you for your recent submission to BMC Nursing. Before we can proceed with peer review we will need you to make some changes to your manuscript. We strongly urge you to make these changes promptly, as we cannot start the peer review process until we have received a version containing the changes.

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Author contributions
WP, WS & CvdS were responsible for the study conception and design.
WP performed the data collection. WP, WS & CvdS performed the data analysis.
WP, WS, RN & CvdS were responsible for the drafting of the manuscript.
WP, WS, RN & CvdS made critical revisions to the paper for important intellectual content. WP, WS & CvdS provided statistical expertise. WP, WS, RN & CvdS provided administrative, technical or material support. WS, RN & CvdS supervised the study.

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A previous publication in the Journal of Professional Nursing [61] is related to this study. This was a pilot study in a randomized controlled trial design in two groups that examined our methodological approach to studying how nursing students (n=100) derive diagnoses. Our approach proves to be feasible. Therefore, this study entitled: ‘Do knowledge, knowledge sources and reasoning skills affect the accuracy of nursing diagnoses?’ can be seen as a more comprehensive follow up study of registered nurses.

We thank you gratefully for willing to reconsider the revised manuscript.

Kind regards,

Wolter Paans.