Reviewer's report

Title: Unsafe clinical practices as perceived by final year baccalaureate nursing students: Q methodology

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Reviewer: Mojtaba Vaismoradi

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Thank you so much for submitting the article to the BMC Nursing. The following comments should be considered with care to improve the quality of presentation of the paper.

Abstract

- In the conclusion section, you mentioned Contravening Practices and Eroding Conventions. I believe that the conclusion should not be beyond the findings. Please explain the conclusion in relation to the findings.

Introduction

- It will be so nice to hear about the background of patient safety in your country healthcare system in details, for instance, the specific courses on safety, number of hours for teaching safety to nursing students in both the theoretical and clinical settings.

Literature review

- You have done a relatively good literature review, Please incorporate the following articles in your literature review in order to show that international researcher have become interested conducting research on ‘safety’ and ‘nursing education’:
  

Methods
- The process of developing the statements using focus groups and interviews should be explained.
- How was the data analysis conducted? What was the analysis approach?
- Moreover, the process by which the statements were validated and how their reliability was checked should be mentioned.
- How pilot testing was done? What was the result of pilot testing in terms of changing the number and quality of statements?
- Please bring the final statements as an appendix to your article. It may be used by other researchers and compare their findings with yours.
- How was the scoring of the statements? The maximum and minimum scores?

Results
- Please describe the demographic characteristics of the participants.
- There should be a consistency between the findings presented in the text and the tables. Please state the rank of statements under each agreement and disagreement classification (viewpoint & consensus).

Conclusion section
- What are your suggestions for improving safety in the nursing education to international communities?
- It will be nice to specify the main teaching areas of patient safety suggested to improve nursing students’ ability to provide safe care according to your findings.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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' below.