Reviewer's report

Title: Factors influencing Professionalism in nursing among nurses in Mekelle Public hospitals, Northern Ethiopia, 2012

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Major compulsory revisions:

It is an interesting study. Exploration of professionalism in different cultural and discipline contexts is important.

However, this study needs several essential improvements in order to make it a credible scientific report. I have summarised my comments in the manuscript here.

1. Background should be reorganised to put a clear argument to rationalise this study.

2. The authors have used two methods: questionnaire (how this questionnaire was validated was not clearly mentioned) and focus group discussion (it is not clear how many FGDs were conducted, how many participated). In addition, I do not think that a proper method has been used in analysing the qualitative data.

3. The results of the FGD have not been presented appropriately. The information provided (e.g. quotations) are grossly inadequate to support the arguments presented.

4. It is difficult to comment on the discussion and conclusion without correcting the above.

5. Appropriate style should be followed both in citations and references.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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.