Reviewer’s report

Title:Nurses’ and care workers’ experiences of spiritual needs in patients with dementia disease in nursing homes: a qualitative study.

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I reviewed the revised manuscript and the revision has been thoughtfully done.

I do have one substantive comment. The sub-theme “Calmness due to recognition” could be reconsidered to be called “Calmness due to familiarity” to better reflect the data from which it was derived. The thematic description is about engaging patients in activities that are familiar to them. Familiarity with people and objects is essential to person’s with cognitive deficits, to feel in touch with the world around them. The data support this revision. The quote about the patient pushing a wheelbarrow is a touching example.

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’