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Dear Mr. Hodgkinson:

The following changes have been made and resubmitted to BMC Nursing via the web site.

Used sentence case in the title, both in the manuscript file and the submission system (i.e. remove all unnecessary capitals).

Affiliations reformatted as requested.

Section headings formatted as requested

Abstract structured into Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Abstract details updated on the submission page.

Abstract gives a background to the work rather than just a statement of the goals of the work.

Removed keywords section from the manuscript.

Renamed section ‘Background’.

References cited in the text using consecutive numbers in square brackets.

Reference before the full stop.

Rename this section 'Methods'.

Conclusions replaced Discussion.
Included a ‘Competing interests’ section between the Conclusions and Authors’ contributions. If there are none to declare, please write ‘The authors declare that they have no competing interests’.

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References formatted in the journal’s style to enable us to create links to article abstracts on PubMed.

Tables included at the end of the manuscript text.

Tables should be oriented in portrait.

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