Reviewer's report

Title: Dignity in the Care of Older People - A Review of the Theoretical and Empirical Literature

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Thank you for asking me to review this revised manuscript. I note the authors' responses to my comments and I find they have provided greater clarification within the text of the purposes and the limitations of the paper. It now provides a well-written, coherent and sophisticated account of dignity as it relates to nursing and care of the older person. I now have no hesitation in recommending publication.

There are just a couple of minor points that may need attention before publication:

1) the sentence that begins on line 2 page 5 "They discuss rights ..." I find this a very difficult sentence to understand and I wonder if might benefit from slight rephrasing.

2) I note that there are some references used in this revision that were not in the original submission. I note that the Wainwright and Gallagher 2008 (page 5) and the Rob (page 14) references do not appear in the reference list. I suggest a final check of references

3) Now that the new UK code has been published I wonder if the authors might wish to update the reference to, and the comments about, the nmc 2004 code on page 7.

I trust these comments are helpful