Author's response to reviews

Title: Night nursing - staff's working experiences

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Dear Editor-in-Chief

Concerning the manuscript entitled *Night nursing - staff’s working experiences*.

Thank you for your review of the article. Considering the reviewer Kelley Kilpatrick’s comments, the following changes (marked with blue in the article text) have been made to improve the article.

**Reviewer KK**: Did the interview questions change over time to explore unexpected findings? It would be helpful to state if this occurred and this would also highlight the interviewer’s sensitivity to emerging findings.

**Answer**: The interview guide was not changed during the period of data collection. This information is added in the text on p 8. The open interview approach facilitates the interviewer’s sensitivity, which is mentioned in the beginning of the discussion.

**Reviewer KK**: In the analysis section, could the authors reference the 2nd and 3rd sentences? The fifth sentence “These meaning units ... emerged from the data” is not clear.

**Answer**: The two sentences are now referenced. The last sentence is clarified as follows: These units of meaning consisted of words, sentences and text sequences and emerged from the data. The meaning units were labeled with a code. The codes were related to the comprehensive content of the meaning units.

**Reviewer KK**: Bottom of page 10, “For various reasons ... “, it is unclear if this is an actual study finding or part of the discussion, the authors would need to highlight what participants have said to help the reader to understand which perspective is being discussed. A back and forth in perspective may be necessary when presenting the findings, however, the authors’ need to keep in mind the added burden on the reader.

**Answer**: The sentence is changed to: According to the participants, the perceptions are changing towards a better understanding of night work.

**Reviewer KK**: Are the limitations of the work clearly stated? This would need to be developed.

**Answer**: This section has been developed as follows: On the other hand people in the interview situation can choose to say what they want or feel to say at the moment, which could be seen as a limitation of the interview method [44]. Therefore attempting was made to control the interviews in order to gain answers to the questions still with maintenance of openness.

**Reviewer KK**: There are some awkward sentence structures (e.g., p. 3 2nd sentence in background; p. 4. the ability to independently and continuous analysis; p. 8. These units of meaning...; p. 18 on the top half of the page until
Answer: To improve the language these changes are made: Night work is apprehended as separated from day work and night work sometimes seems to be less valuable (p3). …own professional competence. They are also expected to stand up for…. (p4), se above p8,

We hope these alterations will be sufficient and suitable to make the article acceptable for publication.

Om behalf of the authors
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