Reviewer’s report

Title: Oncology patients’ and professional nurses’ perceptions of important nurse caring behaviors in Iran

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Reviewer: Lynn Callister

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this interesting manuscript. I have the following comments. These are essential revisions.

1. Study design should be indicated in the abstract
2. The purpose statement should be stated earlier in the manuscript
3. A clear case has not been made to conduct the study
4. The question is well defined and appropriate method used
5. The study was conducted ethically
6. Under data collection, The Caring Assessment Questionnaire (Care-Q), which subscales were so low (0.61 and 0.41)? This should be cited as a limitation for the study
7. The manuscript is lengthy--should be more clear and concise
8. The findings discussion is lengthy and somewhat confusing--would suggest less narrative and more reference to the tables
9. Under the discussion section, 9th paragraph, the Leininger quote should be cited with the page number since it is a direct quote
10. Implications for clinical practice should be strengthened

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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