Reviewer’s report

Title: Patients’ functioning as predictor of nursing workload in the acute hospital: a multi-centre cohort study.

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Reviewer: Sara Laxe

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Dear Madam or Sir,

The submitted manuscript has great interest for the description of the usefulness of ICF in the area of nursing, nevertheless I advice you to accept the manuscript with minor revisions regarding spelling and grammar.

The other considerations that I would suggest are:
- Explain second paragraph (lines 11-18 in background) because it may seem a bit confusing.
- I suggest to explain in a table the 84 items of the LEP
- Review the “Results” regarding mean age of two groups, seems it is missing a part.

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