Reviewer’s report

Title: The influence of organizational context on the use of research by nurses in Canadian pediatric hospitals

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Although I did not see the 1st version of this manuscript I note the changes made by the authors in response to the previous reviewer comments. I also agree that this additional information is beneficial to readers.

Overall, I thought this paper whilst interesting, did lack depth. In particular, I noticed the methods section was 4.5 pages long but the results section was only 1.5 pages (excluding tables). I would have preferred more narrative in the results section. For example: what did the authors mean on page 10 re: ‘unreasonable negative working correlation estimates’? Also, in the IRU and CRU sections, again specific examples would have been beneficial with explicit reference to the relevant data tables.

Re: the methods section - although lots of information was provided sometimes it was still difficult to understand how/why data were collected e.g. why only report data from year 2? When was the other occasion in which the staff survey was conducted?

It might have been helpful to readers if some of the description re: the different types of variables and some key definitions of terms, e.g. such as ‘organisational slack,’ had appeared in a box in the main text rather than readers having to search out the info in a separate appendix. There were also several acronyms such as CIHR which needed to be given in full.

Having said all of the above, I was pleased to read this study and I believe the study will be widely cited because, as noted by the authors this empirical work is required.

Whilst I would prefer to see the issues I have identified above addressed by the authors, I recognise that this manuscript has already been revised so, if these revisions are accepted by the other reviewer and the editor, I would be happy to recommend this paper be published.