Reviewer's report

Title: Results of participatory research approach to improve the relationship between nurses and mothers on a Tanzanian hospital paediatric ward.

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Comments regarding the manuscript entitled: Results of participatory approach to improve the relationship between nurses and mothers on a Tanzanian hospital paediatric ward

General comments
The manuscript addresses an important issue and methodology for which there is limited literature from Tanzania and Africa in general. To a large extent the manuscripts is structured in accordance to the general standards. However, there are areas which need revision in order to improve the quality of the paper and allow easy comprehension by readers. These areas are specified into the following sections:

1. Major compulsory revisions

The specific objectives of the study need to be stated to allow readers to know what were the issues the research aimed at achieving.

The information in the Methods section is mixed up and need re-organization. For instance, under study design the authors describes the techniques used to collect the data instead of the intervention, which was the workshops. Also, information about the questionnaire and and FGD should be under data collection. Some important sections of the methodology such as study population should be clearly stipulated. The section on data management and analysis should include description of how both the quantitative and qualitative data were managed and analysed, instead of having two separate sections on data analysis. I suggest that authors use the following sub-titles to re-organize the information; study design, study setting, study population and sampling, data collection, and data analysis

Due to lack of specific objectives of the study, the reader has difficulties to judge whether the presentations of the findings (sequence and details) correspond to what the study aimed at. Thus, upon including the specific objectives, the results also should be organized accordingly.

The manuscripts lacks concrete conclusions and recommendations that relate to the aims of the study, both in the body of the report and in the abstract.
2. Minor essential revisions

The title need to be revised to connote the main finding of the study. There are few spelling errors observed which need correction. Figure 1 lacks proper label on the X-axis. This should be included.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.