Reviewer's report

**Title:** Barriers to research utilization and research use among registered nurses in the care of older people: a cross-sectional survey

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**Reviewer:** Anne Sales

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**General**
Overall, this is a well-written paper that addresses an interesting and important question. However, I am concerned that bivariate associations do not deal with possible confounding, and I do not feel that the analyses as presented are appropriate.

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**Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)**

The main dependent variable, research utilization, should be regressed on the four subscales and "background" (demographic) variables. This is not complicated, and is standard in the literature.

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**Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)**

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**Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)**

**What next?:** Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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