Reviewer’s report

Title: Impacts of antenatal nursing interventions on mothers’ breastfeeding self-efficacy: An experimental study

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Dear authors

Thank you for an interesting paper on an important topic

However there are issues related to its methodology

1 the problem statement is not clearly defined - ie is exclusive breast feeding a problem among Kurdish women ? The introduction should include information about the status of exclusive breast feeding in Iraq

2 it was noted that multi and primigravida were recruited - would this not affect the results as those who are multigravida may have breast feed their previous babies?

3 how was the sample size of 130 decided on

4 it was mentioned that a pilot study of ten participants was conducted and the cronbach alpha was 0.82. Firstly conducting a pilot study with only 10 participants is not meaningful as it is too small a sample. It was not mentioned the cronbach alpha is for which section of the questionnaire since each section measures different construct ie knowledge, self efficacy and attitude.

5 it was mentioned that in addition to the two education sessions, related videos were also used - this need to be further explained as this could have an effect on the outcomes - the number of counselling sessions and visits that were given need to be explained if someone were to replicate the study

6 in view that the intervention was done on one site , how did the researcher ensure the participants in the control group did not meet the intervention group in the clinic ? Similarly how sure the researcher that the participants did not seek knowledge from other sources example from media, friends etc

7 Discussion - although the result was discussed adequately, possible explanation was not discussed for its similarities or difference with other studies.

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