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Title: Correct Recognition and Continuum Belief of Mental Disorders in a Nursing Student Population

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1. The authors need to provide greater rationale for their hypothesis that stronger continuum belief would be significantly associated with the non-identification of mental illness. They could consider including a standard definition and a large number of studies on stigma has been done using this model which are not adequately referenced.

2. Two significant limitations are 1) absence of a control group. Authors have assessed belief continuum models in nursing student population. A comparator non medical student population would have greatly added to the strength, this limitation is not discussed. 2) Only one vignette was given to each student. Hence this could induce significant inter observer variations and biases. How was this controlled for? A discussion on this aspect would be appreciated in the manuscript. On the same note was the sample adequately powered to detect differences with only one response per subject.

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