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GENERAL COMMENTS: The authors have responded well to all issues raised by reviewers and have improved the paper accordingly, especially for an international reader. However, in doing so they have introduced another named staff group - 'nurse aid' (page 5). This staff group does not then feature in any of the paper thereafter, in description of sample, research findings etc. This has created a gap for the reader in that now we have learnt of the staff group and their difference to that of a carer, where did they sit within the study?

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
The authors need to explain why nurse aids, though acknowledging their existence, do not feature in any other part of the study and its findings.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
None other than stated.

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