Reviewer's report

Title: Advanced nursing practice in Kenya: exploring the context

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This manuscript reports on a qualitative study of 10 nurses in Kenya to assess implications for developing APN roles in Africa. Overall the study is well written and is of interest to the readership of the journal. Several revisions would be useful to enhance the quality of the manuscript:

1. Title - the title reflects that APN exists in Kenya. Revising to reflect that the study was of practicing nurses to assess APN role development - ie. "Nursing Autonomy in Kenya: Implications for developing APN roles"

2. Abstract: Suggest adding a sentence to reflect overall results to the conclusion section - ie. While participants in this study were undertaking many of the activities associated with APN roles, advanced nursing practice as widely understood...

3. Abstract - suggest to clarify in the conclusion section that it was "two" nurses who were practicing as private practice nurses were included in the study

4. Abstract - conclusion section - suggest adding "While several universities have master's level education, no African countries have regulated an advanced level of practice"

5. Abstract - suggest identifying that development of the APN role is 'unlikely', suggest to revised to "unlikely at present"

6. It is mentioned that a role of a clinical officer exists in Kenya which is a 3 year training and they can diagnose and prescribe. It might be useful to further expand on this role and identify whether there is an opportunity to develop an APN role from this position

7. Table 1 - include reference (?ICN?)

Table 2 - include reference (?ICN)?

8. Figure 2 - suggest revising title to "Typical APN activities as demonstrated in nursing roles"

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.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests' below