Reviewer's report

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The abstract is a little brief in places and could provide a clearer outline of the aims of the study and its value. The statement in the abstract "there seems to be a need" for nursing care in the OR is vague and doesn't persuade the reader there is an advantage to this. The study however does clearly demonstrate the advantage of technique expertise and nursing care, but this doesn't appear to be the aim. Some explanation of terms for the reader would enhance the discussion ie. "multiple art of transitions". Some unclear sentences see 88, 89, 90. Some explanation needed to elucidate the nursing dialogue discussed in sentences 100, 101, 103. Data analysis is clear and consistent with the discussions. Some proof reading needed to aid clarity of expression see 429 / 430 / 466 for example. Conclusions are relevant and valid but not as clearly articulated in the abstract. This is a valuable study which draws on much relevant literature to explore the nature and value of nursing interactions in the OR. I would suggest revisions to clarify or rephrase some of the discussions and to reconsider the clarity, aims and relevance of the study in the abstract.