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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your acceptance of our manuscript for publication in your journal. As per your latest comments, minor changes have been made to the manuscript and you will find a revised, fifth version of the “The Professional Nurse Self-Assessment Scale: psychometric testing in Norwegian long term and home care contexts” manuscript uploaded. Our replies to your latest comments are found below (pp. 2).

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1. A new Title page is submitted, including all author names, affiliations and e-mail addresses.

2. All four tables are removed from Additional files and included at the end of the main manuscript. Following text is removed from the manuscript: [see Additional file 1-4]; please see p. 13; line 11 and line 22, p. 14; line 11 and p. 15; line 8. The title text Table 4 is changed, from “The Professional Nurse Self-Assessment Scale of clinical core competencies (ProffNurse SAS)”, to “The clinical core competencies of the Professional Nurse Self-Assessment Scale (ProffNurse SAS)”, please see p. 15; lines 7 – 8 and p. 33.

3. A list of abbreviations is included in the main manuscript, preceding Competing interests and Author’s contributions, please see p. 20; lines 16 - 21. Text is also reformulated; please see p. 4; line 19; “ … the role transition from registered nurse (RN) to APN …”.