Reviewer’s report

Title: Confirming mental health care in acute psychiatric wards, as narrated by persons experiencing psychotic illness: an interview study

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Reviewer: Mick McKeown

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I enjoyed reading this article which focuses on the important interpersonal contribution of nursing care in the context of acute wards. The methodology is thoroughly described and appropriately applied. I suggest the following recommendations for improving the paper:

Essential:

The abstract in particular needs checking for appropriate historical tense and clarity of English.

I would prefer to see a succinct account of Buber's theory earlier on in the paper. This is central to the analysis and discussion of the findings but is not elaborated upon until part way through the discussion.

Discretionary:

There is a growing body of work that questions the medicalization of psychosis. I wonder of the authors might care to make more reference to this in the context of celebrating the positive contribution of non medical, dialogic, interpersonal nursing care. Newer, effective interventions such as Open Dialogue may also merit some discussion in this context.
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