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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Abstract

Please directly name the categories explored during data analysis.

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Introduction

Please provide us with some statistics regarding the prevalence of mental disorders in Norway and other Scandinavian countries.

I am not much familiar with the concepts used in mental nursing care. Please describe the meaning of 'feeling better' and support it by using literature. It must have a commonly agreed upon definition to be understood in the same manner by all.

Methods

While the details of the recruitment and sampling are acceptable, a question remains here. How could you be sure of the competency (mental stability) of the participants to be interviewed. Did you use mini mental state questionnaire to choose appropriate people before interviews?

Why did not use a thematic analysis approach to analyse data. Please go through the literature and find these two approaches differences and state why a content analysis one has been conducted.

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Results
This section contains adequate details for readers.
A diagram as a schematic model to summarise the theme and categories will be needed.

Discussion
Please add a section describing limitations and suggestions for future studies.

Conclusion
The implications for nursing education and practice are required to be described.

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