Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing the Consultation and Relational Empathy (CARE) Measure in sexual health nurses' consultations

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Reviewer: Mari Kangasniemi

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Thank you for opportunity to review this interesting manuscript!

Abstract

- Could you please decrease a description on the background and increase on the results?
- Methods: please add the year and country of data collection
- Results: "all participating nurses" >>> please pay attention, who were your participants? Please remove the considerations of "sample bias" to the conclusions

Framework/background

- Please clarify the international relevance of the subject
- What is the wider framework of empathy? How it is related to the professional ethics or clinical competences?
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Aim, research questions

- Please make a separate chapter of aim and questions
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Method

- Please add a description of study design
- Was the clinic public?
- What kind of patients/how many patients visited in the clinic
- Who recruited participants (nurses)?
- Measures: could you please use a table when you describe the details of the measurement (pages 6-7)?
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Discussion

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