Reviewer’s report
Title: Factors affecting the cultural competence of visiting nurses for rural multicultural family support in South Korea

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Reviewer: Faraz Ahmed

Reviewer's report:
Thank you to the authors for this paper, and for their revisions. In addition to the latest revision, I have also reflected on the comments made by the earlier reviewers in my feedback - In general, the manuscript has been revised substantially, and I am happy with the changes and the overall paper. The data is now over 5 years old, however, I believe it to be still relevant in view of the author's response. I would recommend that the authors acknowledge this point at least to the readers, especially given the dynamic (ever-changing) nature of migration and research in this area.

Kindly find some of the issues noted below that I feel still need attention:

---------[Abstract]--------

In general, the abstract is good and concise; however, the following issues need to be addressed:

(1) [Page 2, line 13 reference]: The line starting with "As the primary health care provider for multicultural….in rural areas" is a long and difficult sentence to follow. Please break the point into two sentences, or amend to clarify your point.

(2) Given the word limit for abstracts, I can understand why the authors may not have noted the year of data collection in their manuscript. My suggestion would be to include a small line on when the data was collected, especially as it is over 5 years old now. For example, "Data collection took place between November 2011 and August 2012." This line can go after
"Employing a cross-sectional descriptive study design, data from 143 visiting nurses working in rural areas were obtained" [Page 2, line 32]. I do not think a justification as to why the study is still relevant is needed in the abstract (although valuable in the main text after the abstract).

--------[Background]--------

(3) [Page 3, line 23] The authors have very rightly talked about what is cultural competence at the start of the section. However, the definition presented at the very first line of the section is too vague and open, such that it can even apply to patient-centred care. This is not to say there is no an overlap, but I would like to see the key features of cultural competence highlighted here (i.e. to include concerns about the patient's well-being, show respect, and to incorporate the patient's views, personal value base and beliefs in the decision-making processes). For example, the line in the article can be altered to include these points: "Cultural competence indicates the awareness and incorporation of knowledge about individuals and groups of people into specific standards, policies, practices, and attitudes by including the patient's views, personal value base and beliefs. Papadopoulos et al. (2004) would be a good reference for cultural competency in Nursing. I would ask the authors to consider including some of the key concepts highlighted in Papadopoulos and colleagues' paper.


--------[Data Collection and Ethical Considerations]--------

(4) The authors state when the data was collected in this section [page 7, line 35-40]; here a justification as to why the study is still relevant is needed (given data is over 5 years old), and it will be valuable to the reader to understand the context. I do note that the authors have replied to the previous reviewer about the same issues, but the details need to be written in the manuscript and referenced as well. (i.e. "First, we consider the characteristics of multi-cultural society in South Korea have not been changed dramatically compared to 5 years ago. This is based on our statistics that the cases of international marriage, which is the main unique characteristic factor to
shape the multi-cultural society in our society, has not been increased because of the consolidated restriction on international marriage policy since 2011.

----------[Results]----------

(5) Please correct sentence syntax the following sentence [page 10, line 47-48]: "Data from the 143 participants were finally analyzed after excluding 13 incomplete questionnaires the sample of 156 visiting nurses."

(6) Please note [on page 11, line 5] you have used the term "average career length as a visiting nurse" in this sentence, please be consistent with the terminology in the table and use "the average years of experience as a visiting nurse" instead.

----------[Discussion]----------

(7) [Page 16, line 45] Limitation section in the discussion needs to at least mention that the data was collected in 2011/2012, and given the dynamic (ever-changing) nature of migration and research in this area, it is important to acknowledge the findings relate one point in time.

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