Reviewer’s report

Title: Awareness of professional rules among Iranian nurses: a cross-sectional study

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This paper describes the result of a survey among Iranian nurses measuring the awareness of professional laws regarding. The article is well written (despite some language errors) with a good introduction, adequate description of Methods, right choice of analysis technique, and interesting discussion. However, since the questionnaire was developed by the authors, it is difficult to know what exactly the questionnaire was measuring. In addition, many references are not on Pubmed or other English database, making it hard to confirm the appropriate use of references. My suggestions to the authors are:

1. Please, submit the English translation of your questionnaire as an additional material to the manuscript.

2. Please, revise the manuscript for language.

3. In abstract, the first sentence of Results is not very clear. Please revise.

4. In Results (page 6, line 18), age appears to be reported wrong. The same in line 24 that also appears to be wrong. First the value and then the standard deviation. In addition, in line 24, add the unit (I Guess it is years).

5. Please, revise the Reference list, for typographic mistakes that might make it difficult to find original articles. You might want to consider revising the discussion to include references that can be accessed and read by an international audience.

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