Reviewer’s report

Title: A QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF PERCEIVED BARRIERS TO EFFECTIVE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNICATION AMONG NURSES AND PATIENTS

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This manuscript is not up to the international standards for studies of communication in the health care sector. Let me mention some issues:

(1) There is a need for a comprehensive conceptual framework that would help to focus on certain aspects of communication, especially the relationship between contextual factors and the communicative process. Such a framework should also be used in the analysis of the material.

(2) The study population is unclear; there is a need for better description of the interview guides and the interviews.

(3) There is a need of a description of the procedures used in analyzing the material.

(4) The result section needs to be introduced by an overview of the results, and a systematic presentation of the material.

Conclusion: this manuscript needs a major revision.

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