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Cover Letter:

Dear Tovah Honor Aronin, Ph.D.
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Editor Comments:

• Please include a title page at the beginning of the manuscript according to our guidelines: This is corrected.

• Please include a "Declarations" heading after the List of abbreviations. This is corrected.
• The figures appear to be formatted as tables. Please decide whether they should be figures or tables and follow the appropriate formatting guidelines here: https://bmcnurs.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript This is corrected. It is made in line with descriptions of tables.

• Please remove the repeated figures/tables from the end of the manuscript. This is corrected.

• We have also put on some DOI on articles.

• The changes in the article are marked in red.

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

(Reviewer 1):

• I suggest that it would benefit from greater clarity in the section on methods. It would be essential to clarify for the reader if the only nursing text books reviewed were those which originated in Norway. This is emphasized.

• It would also be helpful to understand the scope of the review of the photographs and if there were any regions not represented in the sample finally studied. This is emphasized.

• The policy documents used to contextualise the findings would also be important to highlight. This is corrected. The international studies should not be included in the analytical material, but as a background.

(Reviewer 2):

• A limitation is that the abstract is largely repeated in the introduction to the article rather than summarized. The introductions to the article is changed a little and some moments have been added.

• It would have been helpful to describe some short excerpts from nursing texts to illustrate the normative claims identified. Some key excerpts of text from the textbooks in nursing are inserted.
• "Antibiotics were not widely available until the mid 1900s, so regardless of whether the idea about miasma or the theory of microbes prevailed as an explanatory model for infectious diseases, the focus on light, ventilation, and strict hygiene, forced isolation and extensive [notification] reporting requirements were key in preventing the spread of diseases." It is unclear what "notification" means in this context. This is corrected.

• "The texts give detailed descriptions of what causes dangerous exhalations in closed rooms with sick people and then describe how such exhalations may be prevented with ventilation, order, light, [ventilation,] and cleanliness." "Ventilation" is listed twice. This is corrected.

• "The studies also indicate that when parents have been included, their need for relief has not always been met." Should "me" be "met"? This is corrected.

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