Reviewer’s report

Title: Registered Nurses Experiences of Managing Depressive Symptoms at Care Centres for Older People: A Qualitative Descriptive Study

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Abstract: There is a poor balance between the sections of abstract. The purpose statement is lengthy, where as the results are very minimal.

Keywords: 'Interviews' may not be an appropriate keyword. 'Elderly depression' could be considered as a keyword.

Page 3/Introduction: Sentence 44 Remove 'henceforth abbreviated'.

Page 4/Introduction: Sentence 37 Use of (+75) seems inappropriate.

Page 4/Introduction: Sentence 38 Expand GPs

Sampling: The data were collected form 10 participants. Where data saturation was achieved ? Data saturation is a major component that determine the rigor of data collection.

Analysis: The researcher has chosen inductive content analysis as per Elo(2008). This process includes open coding, creating categories and abstraction. Specific details on this analytical process are missing. The authors directly stated fore themes. Specific details on coding and sub categories are missing.

Referencing: Use of "ibid" in referencing is not recommended.

Limitation: Random sampling is not recommended for qualitative research, hence mentioning lack of random sampling as a study limitation is inappropriate.

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