Reviewer’s report

Title: "I prefer a male nurse to a female nurse": Patients' preference for, and satisfaction with nursing care provided by male nurses at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital.

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Reviewer: Hsing-Yi Yu

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Comments NURS-D-18-00011R1.

This is a revised version of an earlier paper discussing patients' opinion, and attitudes toward nursing care provided by male nurses. The most suggested corrections from the earlier paper have been addressed and there are much improved in context. In generally, this paper is rather fluent, felicitous and logical. I suggest some questions and discussion that should consider in the article to increase the rich of the article.

1. The purpose and study result is not consistent in the paper. As your abstract, the purpose of this study is to assess patients' preference for, and satisfaction with nursing care provided by male nurses at the medical and surgical wards of Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital. Your result seems answer the predictors of satisfaction with nursing care provided by male nurses. Also, the consistence among the study purpose, the result and conclusion are needed to rewriting.

2. The background section got much improved. The related literatures are added.

3. I appreciated that you use the theory framework to develop the study. However, in page 5, I still can't find the significance and relationship between theory framework and your study. How is the theory used in your study? Or does the theory help you to design the purpose or hypotheses?

4. The same as the abstract, the study purpose is not consistent with the result. Please rewrite the purpose of the study. Also, in page 9, if you want to compare the different
opinions between male and female participants toward their perception about nursing care provided by male nurses, please add it in the study purpose.

5. In Page 6 and page 7, you measured the satisfaction and attitudes toward nursing care provided by male nurses. What the difference of these two variables? Or are they the same variable of satisfaction?

6. In result, the mean rank of patients' opinion and attitude toward nursing care provided by male nurses were reported. Please describe clearly how to count the variable of attitude in the instrument.

7. The interesting result of your study is the participants who professed Islamic beliefs had higher odds of preferring male nurses on any visit to the hospital. Indeed, it defeats earlier assertions on the prejudice against male nurses by patients who professed Islamic beliefs. How do you think this result? I suggest more discussion should add in the discussion section.

8. Most discussion are focused on the discussion to the result. However, in page 12, last section, "Perhaps, the fact that male nurses are often stereotyped as "He-Man" and/or are "pressurized" by society due to the feminine orientation attached to nursing, ----", Why do you discuss it? For what result?

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