Reviewer’s report

Title: REGISTERED NURSES’ PERCEPTIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF AUTONOMY: A DESCRIPTIVE PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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N/A - there are no statistics in this study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

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Probably - with minor revisions
PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: Overall, the study is interesting and the authors have provided significant methodological details. The qualitative theme labels are not very descriptive (e.g. teamwork, professional knowledge) and they might be better represented with more descriptive titles.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

The themes names could be edited to immediately give the readers a sense of what each theme is about and how it fits into the overarching story about the entire dataset in relation to the research questions.

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Yes

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