Reviewer’s report

Title: "How do we use the time?" – an observational study measuring the task time distribution of nurses in psychiatric care

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Reviewer: Patrick Palmieri

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the observational time and motion study, ""How do we use the time?"" - an observational study measuring the task time distribution of nurses in psychiatric care." This is a very nice study with some areas for improvement prior to acceptance for publication. Importantly, the manuscript is attached with feedback provided within the pdf file. The feedback can be defined in three primary areas. First, the introduction needs to be better organized, with the concepts clearly defined and concisely linked to the purpose of the study. Second, there are some areas requiring minor revisions and/or editing to improve the specificity or increase the understanding. Third, there are some areas where additional citations might be helpful to support the statements. Also, I want to recommend the authors review the STROBE Statement and complete the checklist with the page/line numbers where the items are satisfied within the manuscript (The checklist can be found at: http://www.equator-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/STROBE_checklist_cross-sectional.docx). Again, thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. I look forward to reading the finish manuscript upon publication.

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