Author’s response to reviews

**Title:** Opportunities and challenges of integrating genetics education about human diversity into public health nurses’ responsibilities in Japan

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To

The Editor, BMC Nursing.

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your valuable time and sharing reviewer/editorial insightful comments with regard to our manuscript, "Opportunities and challenges of awareness activities about human diversity in public health nurses’ responsibilities in Japan" (NURS-D-19-00055).

We have discussed on these review comments including all authors. There are the point-by-point responses to the comments and suggestions made for the reviewers and your consideration. All the necessary changes have been incorporated in the manuscript using the red-colored typeface accordingly. We hope that our responses will be appropriate to qualify the manuscript for publication in your well-reputed journal.

Thank you very much for your excellent support and concern.
Sincerely,

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Editor Comments:

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Response: Thank you very much for your guidance.

Reviewer reports:

Angel Romero-Collado (Reviewer 1): The manuscript presents a topic of interest. I do have a few comments for the authors to consider:

Comment: Keywords: all were MeSH terms except 'Genetic nursing'. You can use only 'Nursing'.
Response: Thank you for your specific advice. We have revised this keyword as ‘Nursing’ in ‘Key words’ section under the ‘Abstract’ (Page 3, Line 65).

Comment: The study design is a phenomenological study.
Response: We have revised and added as ‘This study adopted a phenomenological research design’ under the ‘Methods’ section, page 6, line 128.
Comment: Participants: The authors can describe a little more the participants in the study, identifying them to each one anonymously (for example with a letter and a number) and then identify the appointment in the results. You can see an example in the Costa P, Garcia AP, Toledo VP. WELCOMING AND NURSING CARE: A PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY. Texto contexto - enferm. 2016;25(1): e4550015. Available from: http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?script=sci_arttext&amp;pid=S0104-07072016000100324&amp;lng=en.

Response: We have added more descriptions of the participants according to your instruction under the ‘Participants’ section of ‘Methods’ part, page 7, line 140 – 142.

Comment: Results: identify each appointment with each participant, so it will be easier to discern the reader the different opinions that the participants have.

Response: We also added the identification of each appointment with each participant in the ‘Results’ section and kept in red color.

Comment: If improvements to the English language within your manuscript have been requested, you should have your manuscript reviewed by someone who is fluent in English. If you would like professional help in revising this manuscript, you can use any reputable English language editing service. We can recommend our affiliates Nature Research Editing Service (http://bit.ly/NRES_BS) and American Journal Experts (http://bit.ly/AJE_BS) for help with English usage. Please note that use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of publication. Free assistance is available from our English language tutorial (https://www.springer.com/gb/authors-editors/authorandreviewertutorials/writinginenglish) and our Writing resources (http://www.biomedcentral.com/getpublished/writing-resources). These cover common mistakes that occur when writing in English.

Response: Thank you for your advice. This time we have checked our revised manuscript by an English native Mr. Paul Thomsen Kirk, who is working as a Medical English Lecturer in Hiroshima University.

Thank you very much for the Editor’s & Reviewers’ logical comments and continuous support to improve the quality of our paper. We highly appreciate and acknowledge their great contribution.