Reviewer’s report

Title: The Effect of Education around Ethical Principles on Nurses’ Perception to Patient Safety Culture in an Iranian Psychiatric Unit: A Pilot Study

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See below comments by section. The strongest sections of this manuscript are the results and discussion sections. There is a need to edit grammatical and sentence structure issues throughout the paper. I find this paper of importance and I feel that, with major revisions, it should be published. In my opinion (as below), this is not a quasi experimental study. Rather, it seems to use a convenience sample and align with a simple pre- and post-test study design using only one cohort of participants.

Abstract - Is this really a quasi-experimental design? "Data" is plural so use "Data were collected…data were analyzed". You don't need to put the statistical package used in the abstract. In the Methods section, you don't mention the educational intervention. That needs to be included here.

Introduction -

There are several areas that need to be edited for tense, grammar, sentence structure, redundancy, etc. The authors offer sufficient evidence to back the problem they are addressing. I feel there needs to be something specific to Iranian culture and mental health. Are there higher mental health concerns in Iran than in other countries? If so, why? Are the mentally ill more frequently hospitalized in Iran than in other countries? Is this one of the reasons that this particular study is needed?

Methods -This does not seem a quasi-experimental study. There would need to be manipulation of the intervention and at least two cohorts of participants and then an assessment to look at differences in outcomes.

Results - No major issues.

Discussion - No major issues.
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No

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