

Review of: "A Study of Nurses' Stress Management in Facing and Caring for COVID-19 Patients: A Qualitative Content Analysis"

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Potential competing interests: The author(s) declared that no potential competing interests exist.

Thank you for reviewing opportunity.

Here is some comments on the paper that will enhance the quality of paper

Introduction: consistency was not seen, the authors write about stress in nursing then write about consequences of stress then went back to stress in nursing field.

Literature were not reviewed well. There is many studies in stress in nursing field and covid-19 pandemic. Your paper is missing a review of the literature section. The review of the literature should be a synopsis of what is known about your topic, what is not known about your topic, and how your study will fill the gap.

Please provide a review of the literature and the extensive list that was sent to you by a reviewer may be helpful. Please use the same concepts in writing. Your goal is to explore challenges or stresses because these are two different concepts.

Methods: please verify how did you do the member check and peer check.

Results: With this sentences" Providing care with uncertainty and anxiety and facing psychological and mental tension were the challenges which the nurses in the present study experienced when they faced and cared for patients with COVID-19". It can be placed two themes together in a theme of the experienced challenges.

Sub-themes seem to be more one code than theme because their dimensions and features are not known and in each case only one code is explained and not a set of codes especially in themes 1 and 2 and sub themes in these themes.

Was there any codes about ineffective strategies? It seems strange.

Was there any negative out come?

Discussion: in this section the authors repeated the data instead of discussing the themes and sub-themes for example: "One of the findings of the present study was nurses' feelings of uncertainty and anxiety in providing care. The nurses were worried about transmitting the infection to their family members, were not adequately aware of the nature of the disease, and were in fear of making wrong decisions about caring for COVID-19 patients; yet, they deemed it their professional duty to provide care to those patients".

In addition, the findings of other studies mentioned merely, while the findings of this study should be discussed in the existing context and compared and discuss with the findings of other studies. A deeper synthesis of findings in the discussion section that validates, refutes, or expands upon previous research is



necessary.