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1 Original submission

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Referee 1 Reviewer

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Revision 1

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The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

April 30, 2024

To Professor Masoumeh Bagheri-Nesami

Editor-in-chief and Reviewers

Journal of Nursing and Midwifery Sciences

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you very much for your thoughtful review and valuable feedback regarding our manuscript submission to the Journal of Nursing & Midwifery Sciences. We have taken your comments seriously and have made substantial revisions to our manuscript to address the concerns raised.

In response to your feedback about the clarity of the research question and its contribution to the field:

Revised Problem Statement: We have revised the problem statement in the introduction to clearly articulate the specific problem our study aims to address. We now explicitly state the research question and outline the gaps in existing knowledge that our study seeks to fill.

Enhanced Literature Review: We have expanded our literature review to include a more detailed analysis of previous studies. This section now demonstrates how our research builds upon and adds to the current understanding in the field of Nursing & Midwifery Sciences.

Clear Focus and Direction: We have refined the manuscript to have a clearer focus and direction. The revised text emphasizes the significance of our findings and their implications for clinical practice and future research.

We believe these revisions have significantly strengthened the manuscript, making it more suitable for publication in your esteemed journal.

We appreciate the opportunity to revise our work and resubmit it for your consideration. We are confident that the revised manuscript meets the high standards of the Journal of Nursing & Midwifery Sciences and hope it will now be considered favorably for publication.

Thank you once again for your constructive comments and the opportunity to improve our work.

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Revision 2

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The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

May 12, 2024

To Professor Masoumeh Bagheri-Nesami

Editor-in-chief and Reviewers

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I hope this message finds you well. Thank you very much for your thoughtful review and valuable feedback regarding our manuscript submission to the Journal of Nursing & Midwifery Sciences. In response to your comments, we have made the following specific revisions which are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript:

Study limitations: We have acknowledged that the study included only a single group as a limitation. This has been addressed in the revised "Study Limitations" section to clarify the potential impact on the generalizability of the findings.

Statistical reporting: We have adjusted our reporting of standard deviation by using the symbol ± directly in front of the average in parentheses, for clarity and to align with best statistical practices.

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