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# A Qualitative Study on the Experiences of COVID-19 Ward Nurses in Shiraz, Iran

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## 1 Original submission

0 comments

*No public comments in this round.*

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# Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

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.

**Dear Editor of Shiraz E Medical Journal,**

*We appreciate the time and effort that you and the reviewers have dedicated for providing valuable comments on our manuscript titled "A qualitative study on the experiences of COVID-19 ward nurses in Shiraz, Iran". We noticed all the comments and applied them point by point, as follows:*

*Associate Editor 1:*
*The authors aimed to investigate and explain the expectations and experiences of nurses caring for COVID-19 patients through a qualitative study. However, it has several shortcomings in design and presentation;*
*Reviewer 1;*
*1. There are controversies between the title, the study goal that is mentioned in the last paragraph of the introduction, and other parts of the manuscript. Do you want to explore the perception of the participants or their experiences or their expectations? We emphasized on experience and correct the title and related parts in content.*

*2. what was your sampling method? How did you select the participants from different hospitals and which hospitals? We added the needed information.*

*Added.*
*3. The themes that are mentioned in the tables are different from what you mentioned in the text. We corrected the table based on themes.*

*4. If you prefer to bring quotes in the text, why did you repeat it in the table?*
*5. Expectation of the participants is different from other themes, why did you conclude that it should be put beside their hard experiences?*

*Some of the nurses who worked in these wards worked part-time, and this was one of their most important expectations. In addition, they received psychological and emotional support from managers.*
*6. What was your exclusion and inclusion criteria.*

*Added.*
*7. Nothing is mentioned about study limitations.*

*Added*
*8. English editing is required*

*The manuscript edit by a professional English editor.*

*reviewer 2;*
*The authors aimed to investigate and explain the expectations and experiences of*

*nurses caring for COVID-19 patients through a qualitative study. There are a number of major concerns about this study that need to be addressed.*
*Title*
*1- the phrase "A qualitative study on the expectations of COVID-19 ward nurses" is not a clear sentence and does not convey the purpose of the study well. What do the authors mean by the word "expectations"?*

*The title and added information in the introduction.*
*Abstract:*
*2- line 6: the phrase "active COVID-19 ward nurses of specialty hospitals" is not clear. Were the nurses active or the wards? This problem exists in all similar sentences within the text.*

*Corrected.*
*Introduction:*
*3- line 41: the initial letters of the word "Inability" should not be capitalized.*

*Corrected.*
*4- In the fourth paragraph of the introduction (lines 52-56) It should be made clear that the content is about the effects of COVID-19 on the nurses.*

*Cleared.*
*5- Line 52: the sentence "Indeed, several … important factors" is structurally incorrect and conceptually ambiguous.*

*Corrected*
*6- Lines 58-62: the factors should not be stated in a list form. The sentence should be continuous.*

*corrected.*
*7- The rationale and necessity of the study cannot be justified despite the large body of available national evidence and studies. This is the main concern of the study.*

*We added needed information about necessity of the study.*
*8- The last sentence of the introduction section “Current study aimed to explore the perceptions and experiences of active nurses at specialty hospitals in Shiraz city" is not well developed and does not explain the objectives of the study correctly.*

*We added needed information about necessity of the study.*
*Methods:*
*9- Although the authors have provided information on the validity and reliability of the results, there is a lack of sufficient the main criteria for measuring the quality of qualitative studies including credibility, transferability, dependability, confirmability, and reflexivity. A*

*dded and corrected.*
*Discussion:*
*10- The final contents of the discussion section (lines 314-330) are not written in accordance with the principles of scientific writing.*

*Corrected.*
*Conclusion:*
*11- What does "offering emotional and psychological supports" mean. Did the authors mean the word "providing"?*

*replaced*

*Best regards*

## 2 Revision 1

1 comment · 13 Apr 2022

### Editor-in-Chief

MINOR REVISION 13 Apr 2022

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# Revision 2

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**Associate Editor 1:**

The description of the research sample and sampling method is incomplete.

The explanation provided for the conditions for including the samples in the study is not convincing.

***Action:*** Thanks for your comment. The requested items were modified and highlighted in the manuscript, Page 4, paragraphs 2, as follows:

*“The research sample was nurses and supervisors of two centers of COVID-19 in Shiraz from August to October 2020. The purposeful sampling technique was carried out to choose the samples of the study. After correspondence with nursing managers of the two interested centers, a list of active nurses along with their phone numbers was provided. Then, a written invitation letter, containing the general objectives of the research as well as information about the researchers, was sent by the first author through an instant messaging application. Then, following the initial agreement of the participants, we set the interview time.”*

## 3 Revision 2

1 comment · 30 May 2022

### Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 30 May 2022

Accept