**Torabizadeh Adherence to patients’ dignity**

Editorial comments on R-2

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1. In the lines: *“Based on the comments of a statistical counsellor after a pilot study of two groups of nurses and patients, each consisting of 35 subjects, sample size was set at 200 nurses and 200 patients.”*

Here, the authors need to explain the statistical rationale for 200 each or delete references to the statistical counsellor. As all that has happened is there were 4 hospitals within the university that were selected randomly. Now what needs to be added is these four were selected out of ----------(no. of hospitals) in the University? What proportion of the total nurses in the University does it cover and what proportion of the patient load in any month does this cover?”

1. The authors have not responded to the repeated requests to address points of clarity in their language. We can't do this on their behalf because we could misunderstand their intention.

For example, phrases like: “observance of patient dignity”,” patient dignity questionnaire”, what a “high or low” score means; what does it mean when nurses believe that “patient dignity is observed to a higher degree than patients do”. We cannot be sure of what the authors mean and they should do the rewording, working with a person whose first language is English both here and for the statistical section.

We are sorry we cannot go ahead without these steps being taken.

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