**Manuscript evaluation guidelines**Title: **The barriers to observing professional ethics in the practice of nursing care from nurses' viewpoints**

1. Importance of the paper  
Does it address issues relevant to the fields of bioethics and medical ethics in the developing countries?

Yes, it addresses the issue of ethical decision making of nurses in clinical setting, which is an important issue in the field of medical ethics.   
2. Is it topical?  
 Is the issue discussed from another country's/culture perspective? NO

Will it influence practice or policy? The paper is dealing with an important issue, but the findings does not allow for any new contribution to practice or policy changes. The current findings are not methodologically rigorous and hence is not generalizable .

 Is it too specialized for the journal? Yes  
  
3. Originality

 Is the information /comment new? The information is not new since studies has been conducted using this questionnaire in different context. But this study does not discuss it widely from the specific context of Iran.

Is there any likelihood of plagiarism? Not sure  
  
4. Conclusions

The analysis if the data itself is not correct, hence the conclusions drawn cannot be commented upon  
Is the interpretation warranted, unwarranted, well developed?

Does the article contain loose generalisations?  
Are there any important omissions?  
  
5. Other comments  
  
  
6. Recommendation  
  
 Accept as is  
  
 Accept with modifications (specify)  
  
 - style

- substance  
  
The manuscript is not rigorous and I think it is not fit for publication in IJME in the current form. From the design of the study to the analysis, I do not find the paper to be very methodical, hence it can be rejected.   
  
7. Separate comments for the author

Regarding the sample size estimation the authors have mentioned “The sample required for this research was determined according to similar studies

I think this is a very unscientific way of telling the sample size estimation

Please elaborate on the sampling

Please elaborate on this,

What type of hospitals were selected?

how many eligible nurses were there in each selected hospital

how was the stratification done?

Please give the exact reference for the questionnaire used, as I was not able to locate it based on the reference given here. Where was the original questionnaire used, was it validated for your study setting? Regarding the Cronbach’s alpha; What do you mean by this? Did you check it in your study population

The analysis is not correct, how do you determine the barrier by mean scores alone?

There need to be proper scoring of each domain, discussion on the minimum, maximum score and what it means, use of mean or median score to designate high and low score and what it means. Then see how many of the people fall into these categories.

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