

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Patterns of Research Utilization on Patient Care Units

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**Reviewer:** Pamela H Mitchell

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#### General

This is a highly readable manuscript and addresses important contextual features helpful in understanding the variation in research implementation among organizational units.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

I don't think this is essential, but I do think the title might be tweaked a bit to reflect more clearly what the paper is about. It is really not about patterns of research utilization, but is about patterns of contextual features that may affect research utilization. So perhaps a more clear title might be "Contextual Determinants of Research Use in Patient Care Units" or something similar taken from the study aim.

**What next?:** Accept after discretionary revisions

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.