

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Barriers to research utilization and research use among registered nurses in the care of older people: Does the BARRIERS Scale discriminate between research users and non-research users on perceptions of barriers?

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**Reviewer:** Anne Sales

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Major compulsory revisions:

I appreciate the response to my previous review. However, now that the objectives of the study have been clarified, I continue to have concerns about methods, which are actually deepened by understanding what the authors intend and wish to do. I think that they need to use discriminant analysis to assess the distinction they are interested in-- I do not believe that correlations and t-tests are appropriate for the purpose of discriminating between research users and non-users.

Minor essential revisions:

The abstract has not been revised, and I believe it is still unclear as to the purposes of the study. Because the abstract is often the only thing readers read before deciding whether or not to read the full study, it is a very important piece of the paper.

**What next?:** Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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