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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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Dear Prof Eccles,

Thanks for your help of editing the article. I have accepted nearly all suggested changes except following;

1. In the abstract I have used the word "care of older people" instead of "geriatrics".
2. Page 3, third line under subheading "Perceptions of barriers..." I have deleted "by," before Shaw and colleagues. To me (but I don't speak English as first language) it did not sound "right" to have the "by" before. Please correct this if I have misread your correction.
3. Page 6, the sixth line above "Methods". I have changed the word "elder" into "older people". I have learnt that in British-English you do not use the terms elderly or elder. Please change this if it is not accurate.
4. I have kept the numbers as numbers (even if it is <10), when the number refers to a response alternative or how many points the Likert scale are (for example 4-point Likert scale or 5-point Likert scale).
5. Regarding the names of the subscales, I have changed the style to Setting, Nurse, Presentation and Research. I believe it is easier for the reader to understand the differences when I refer to the subscale Setting compared with when I write about setting as the organization.
6. I have changed the labeling in Table 3 and I have added two foot notes, hopefully this will help the reader to understand the table.

Thanks again for your help. If my suggestions above are not correct English, please feel free to change them.

Yours sincerely,

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