

Reviewer's report

Title: Community nursing needs more silver surfers: a questionnaire survey of primary care nurses' use of information technology (IT).

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Reviewer: Bendix Carstensen

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The paper describes a survey of 105 nurses with a 64% response rate, about their IT use.

It is not clear whether the main focus is to describe the results as functions of age or profession.

The presentation is overly detailed and most tables could be collected in one or two by showing each of the variables versus either age or profession, depending on which was considered the main explanatory variable.

The material is probably too thin to warrant a detailed analysis by (logistic/ordinal/linear) regression of each of the variables considered on age / profession, although such models are essentially underlying all of the tabular analyses.

Tables: Collect all tables in one or two classified by age on one side and all relevant variable on the other. Likewise with profession if considered relevant.

Table layout: No vertical lines, horizontal lines should be kept to a minimum.

Statistics: Give p-values with 3 digits, not as $p < 0.01$.

Graph: It is unclear why the age-distribution of the sample is compared to other populations.

General advise: Shorten dramatically.

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

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None