Review of: "Pain Assessment and Management in Children at Lusaka Children's Hospital: Nurses' Experiences - A Qualitative Study"

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The authors needs to make significant changes to their paper in order for it to be accepted. In its current form, the paper does not seem suitable for publication.

Introduction is very short and does not include any references. Authors need to incorporate comprehensive definitions of the variables being assessed, along with literature review that focuses on cultural implications. As the authors have pointed out a certain hospital and its conditions, they need to give details of the current practices of the country/city/hospital studied and make comparisons with previously published work related to their topic. Rationale of the study needs to be incorporated as well.

Method section does not include information on number of participants, sampling strategies, research questions, details of the questions asked and how the focus groups were conducted.

For Data Analysis, was any software used? If not, what was the reason for it? How did the authors avoid biased interpretations? What measures were taken to keep the content analysis as objective as possible?

While explaining the themes, adding verbatim of the participants could enhance the readability of the paper. Most of the work cited in discussion is more than 5 years old, the authors must provide recent references/research trends related to the topic. The authors fail to link previously published work with their results and instead have only added implications in the discussion section, which should be a separate component. Discussion needs to be re-written.

No limitations or suggestions have been provided. Clear conclusion has not been provided and the entire focus has been on the implications only. The references do not include doi.