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RE: NRES-D-07-00065R1, titled "Maternal Anxiety and Depression Following a Premature Infants' Discharge from the NICU: Explanatory Effects of the COPE Program"

Dear Dr. Melnyk,

I am pleased to inform you that your work has now been accepted for publication in Nursing Research. Generally you have done an excellent job with posing your RCT into three distinct contributions to the literature. However, there are a few areas that require further attention:

(1) Participants section -- 2nd paragraph beginning with "Infant demographic information..." - If previously published, please cite reference here.

(2) Study Conditions section -- 2nd paragraph beginning with "An educational-behavioral intervention..." - Cite publication where described more fully.

(3) Same section as #2 -- 3rd paragraph beginning with "The Placebo Control Program..." - Cite publication where described previously.

(4) Table 1 - Please check the Control percentage for "Married (1st time)". Should it be 44.5%, not 56%?

(5) Table 3 - You need to cite Melnyk et al., 2006 as a source of this table.

(6) Table 4 - This table is very similar to Table 1 in Melnyk et al., 2007. You should probably get copyright release for this table. Please e-mail these revisions (in the body of the email is fine) to me at handfing@email.unc.edu.