

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 9:22 AM
To: Bernadette Melnyk

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.

The reference is Melnyk et al., 2006 (see full citation below).

Melnyk, B.M., Feinstein, N.F., Alpert-Gillis, L., Fairbanks, E., Crean, H.F., Sinkin, R., Stone, P.W., Small, L., Tu, X., & Gross, S.J. (2006). Reducing premature infants length of stay and improving parents' mental health outcomes with the COPE NICU program: A randomized clinical trial. *Pediatrics*, 118 (5), 1414-1427.

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

Melnyk et al., 2006.

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

Melnyk et al., 2006.

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

It should be 56%.

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

Yes, that is fine.

(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.

Sherry, if you are referring to this 2007 publication below, this 2007 publication used data from an entirely different study, so we wouldn't need copyright release.

Melnyk, B.M., Crean, H.F., Feinstein, N.F., & Alpert-Gillis, L. (2007). Testing the theoretical framework of the COPE program for mothers of critically ill children: An integrative model of young children's post-hospital adjustment behaviors. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, 32 (4), 463-474

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This is fine--all authors have agreed.