

May 28, 2009

RE: NRES-D-08-00195R1, titled "Nursing Interventions for Improving Health Outcomes of Older African American Women with Type 2 Diabetes"

Dear Dr. Skelly,

We received your revised manuscript, but more changes are required at this time. It does not appear that you used the CONSORT Guidelines (see Nursing Research Author Guidelines at <http://edmgr.ovid.com/nres/accounts/ifauth.htm>). Please go through the CONSORT checklist and make any changes to the manuscript called for.

In general, remove the term "intervention" when referring to the control condition.

The following revisions are required:

- 1) Regarding your comment (under #4) to Reviewer 3 "There were two initial visits..." -- This information does not come out clearly enough in the manuscript. Please revise to include it.
- 2) Page 3, line 8 (abstract) -- Do not use "intervention" for the control condition.
- 3) Page 9, line 12 -- What was known only by the stat? Please clarify.
- 4) Page 11, line 1 -- For clarity, please do not call that an intervention; call it a condition throughout.
- 5) Page 11, paragraph before Measurements -- Please state the amount of nurse time with participants for each intervention/condition including the booster.
- 6) Page 11, Symptom Distress paragraph -- Provide information on normal values and documented accuracy of this measure; and provide literature-based evidence of the reliability and validity of this instrument.
- 7) Page 12, lines 4-6 -- Also, provide reliability & validity from the literature, please.
- 8) Page 12, line 19 -- Please provide literature evidence of its prior use (i.e., reliability and validity).
- 9) Page 13, lines 17-19 -- How long did the telephone calls last?
- 10) Page 15, Results -- It will be necessary for you to go to the CONSORT Guidelines (see Author Guidelines) and observe the recommendations. Specifically, a figure should appear here.
- 11) Page 19, line 20 -- please change "interventions" for clarity.

- 12) Page 20, lines 1-17 -- History section seems unnecessary; I suggest its deletion as it over reaches.
- 13) Page 21, line 1 -- use the same name for the intervention throughout.
- 14) Page 21, lines 4-5 -- Unfortunately, you did not address this earlier and it is startling here. Provide information under intervention description to support this.
- 15) Page 21, lines 16-20 -- This is the information you need under the intervention/content condition to support your earlier statements.
- 16) Page 21, lines 20-23 -- please omit, it is redundant.
- 17) Page 21 (line 23) thru Page 22, lines 1-4 -- This information is results and should be placed in that section.
- 18) Page 22, line 20 ("15 minutes each") -- This information should appear earlier.