

August 24, 2009

Response to the editor

Thanks! The revised manuscript is attached. Here are the specific changes you have requested:

1. Studies that were introduced in the discussion section have now been introduced in the Background section.
  - a. Knoester, Petts, & Eggebeen (2007) and Lamb (2003)--- Page 4, Line 3
  - b. Hodnet, Gates, Hofmeyer, & Sakala (2007)--- Page 4, Line 5
  - c. Pleck & Masciadrelli (2004) and Premberg, Hellstrom & Berg (2008)—Page 4, Line 6-7
  - d. Johnson (2002)—Page 4, Line 18
2. Actually these stats were from the U.K., but I was able to locate similar findings related to the percentage of men who attend birth in the United States. I have identified this in the following locations: Page 2, Line 1; Page 4, Lines 2 and 7.
3. Same as above.....
4. I have eliminated the dated (1980s) references from page 17. This section has been rewritten, and the oldest reference is 1999. The rewritten section begins on page 17 (line 12) and ends on page 18 (Line 2).
5. Page 25 (Table 1): This is paraphrased.

Kathleen Schachman

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Aug 23, 2009 at 10:15 PM, Sherry Handfinger <[handfing@email.unc.edu](mailto:handfing@email.unc.edu)> wrote:

Dear Dr. Schachman,

I will help you via e-mail. After you take out the very old references in the Discussion (see #4 below), you will still have some new material introduced there. Those references (Masciadrelli) should be placed in the background section. You should refer to these references in the Discussion when you comment on your own findings. These changes are not major. It involves only the 6 references mentioned above.

Please contact me if you still have questions.

Thank you.

Regards,  
Sherry Handfinger

## Nursing Research

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Kathleen Schachman](#)

**To:** [Nursing Research](#)

**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2009 8:29 AM

**Subject:** Re: NRES Decision

Ms. Handfinger,

I need some guidance about item #1. Is there anyone I can speak to who might be able to offer some clarification?

Thanks-- Kathleen Schachman

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On Mon, Aug 17, 2009 at 2:27 PM, Nursing Research <[handfing@email.unc.edu](mailto:handfing@email.unc.edu)> wrote:  
Aug 17, 2009

RE: NRES-D-09-00102R1, titled ""Online fathering": The experience of first-time fatherhood in combat-deployed troops"

Dear Dr. Schachman,

I am pleased to inform you that your work has now been accepted for publication in Nursing Research. All manuscript materials will be forwarded to the production staff in the very near future for placement in the issue that complements the upcoming military supplement. At this point, we think it will be the next issue to upload (Nov/Dec), but it could be the following issue (Jan/Feb '10).

In the meantime, there are a few revisions to make on the copy edited version that will be emailed to you. Please do not try to reformat it. Please email the copy back to me via attachment by August 25th and indicate (by page and line number) where you made the changes.

(1) At Nursing Research we use the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th ed.; 2001). Please introduce the literature you have in the Discussion to the Background. The Background should include a discussion of the literature; a scholarly review of the literature establishes the priority of others' work and develops the continuity between earlier work and yours. The Discussion is reserved for evaluation and interpretation of the results. Similarities and differences between your results and the work of others should be used to clarify and confirm your conclusions. You may refer to the literature presented in the Background but literature should not be introduced in the Discussion.

(2) Page 2, line 1 -- Are the fathers in the US? Where?

(3) Page 4, line 2 -- Same question as #1.

(4) Page 17 -- These references are dated. Make your points without using them.

(5) Page 25 (Table 1) -- Are these steps paraphrased or direct quotes? If they are direct quotes, you will have to obtain copyright release to use them. Please advise.

Thank you for submitting your interesting and important work to the journal.

With Kind Regards,

Sherry Handfinger