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Re: From research to practice: Improving medication adherence in persons with HIV

Dear Dr. Erlen:

Recently you sent your manuscript for consideration in the special Eastern Nursing Research Society Supplement to *Nursing Research*. The review of your manuscript is complete and the comments of the three reviewers are attached. In addition, we have the following suggestions for improving the manuscript:

The key passage for understanding what this paper is about includes the last two sentences of the paragraph that precedes the study purpose and the first sentence of the study purpose paragraph. Consequently, the points in this section need to be emphasized a bit more and the rest of the paper and the abstract need to carefully attend to this point; a possible title change may help. Without this clarification, the reader may wonder why he should care about the difficulties of implementing a protocol in the absence of knowing whether or not it actually works.

One suggestion is to do something like the following:

*Theory-based interventions that are tested in randomized controlled trials need to be examined for their potential usefulness in clinical practice. Efficacious interventions that are not well-matched with clinical practice, including the intended targets of intervention, cannot be translated into practice to improve health outcomes. One way to examine this fit between a research protocol and its potential usefulness in clinical practice is to describe the challenges associated [your use of adherence is too confusing] with implementation of a research protocol in the target population.*

Please revise your manuscript based on the reviews and resubmit the manuscript to *Nursing Research* for further consideration. E-mail your revised manuscript with responses to Sherry Handfinger: [handfing@email.unc.edu](mailto:handfing@email.unc.edu). Explicitly outline how you addressed each of the issues raised by the reviewers.

Please also note the enclosed Checklist for Style.

Please send us a revision of your manuscript by October 1, 2005. If you are unable to do so, we will remove your manuscript from the review process for the ENRS Nursing Research supplement. Let us know if you have any questions or need further information at this time ([Dorothy.jones@bc.edu](mailto:Dorothy.jones@bc.edu) or [Suzanne.bakken@dbmi.columbia.edu](mailto:Suzanne.bakken@dbmi.columbia.edu)). We look forward to receiving your revised submission.

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