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year. I was so pleased to see articles bridging community care with veterans’ care as this has been one of my areas of focus for the DNP project.

I just wanted to express my appreciation and thank you.—Cindi Warburton, DNP Student, FNP-c, CEN. Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR; E-mail: warburtoncindi@yahoo.com

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Emergency Department Nurse Empowerment: Research Lacking

Dear Editor:

As an ED quality coordinator in a Level I Trauma Center, I find nurse empowerment to be of particular interest. In the article “Perceptions of Empowerment Among ED Nurses,” DeVivo et al. bring to light the lack of literature regarding emergency nurse empowerment, despite the previous literature on the subject involving staff nurses. I believe that ED nurses work differently than nurses in other hospital units, thus making the study valuable to the current literature. There is previous research by Hauck et al. that indicates that there is a direct relationship between job satisfaction and access to opportunity, support and resources, and information. This study was completed in critical care nurses, and it would be of particular interest to know whether the findings of this study translate to ED nurses. Given the lack of literature regarding ED nursing empowerment, there is much need for larger studies to be completed that may translate to the larger population of ED nurses.—Michele Marroquin, BSN, RN, CEN, QI Coordinator, Emergency Department, East Texas Medical Center, Tyler, TX; E-mail: mmarroquin@etmc.org

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