Reviewer's report

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# paragraph 'Patient calls': ...according the definition of palliative care..": there is a lot of discussion about the definition of pc (look to recent article in Pal Med); it would be useful to mention explicitly the definition used for this research!

Nice article, maybe not adding really new data or insights but offering a good overview of the problems pc patients and caregivers are confronted with in the out-of-hours time. The authors are also aware of the limitations of this study.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’