Reviewer's report

Title: Unbearable suffering in terminally ill cancer patients dying at home: a cross-sectional analysis of intensity and unbearability

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Reviewer: Christoph Gerhard

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Reviewer's report: Discretionary Revisions:
1) The analysis of the qualitative data is very simple. For example the data (interview transcripts) could be analysed using special qualitative designs like content analysis (Meyering) or others.
2) A box or table with the State-of-Suffering-V or main topics of SOS-V would be helpful.
3) Only 18 of the participating 44 GP’s (=41%) worked full time. The other 26 GP’s (=59%) worked part time. This portion seems very high! What did the parttimers work in the other time? Are they involved in research, university jobs etc.? This information could be useful.

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.