Reviewer's report

**Title:** Palliative care making a difference in rural Uganda, Kenya and Malawi: three rapid evaluation field studies

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**Reviewer:** Anne Merriman

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This paper is now ready for publication.

I think all the reviewers comments have been answered the relevant changes made.

Discretionary comment:

All the below questions are answered except for 7 which could have included the background to PC and morphine in particular which has opened the door to PC in Africa.

However these are covered in other publications, but they are not referred to but could have been.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
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3. Are the data sound?
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6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
9. Is the writing acceptable?

**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