Reviewer’s report

Title: Parental palliative cancer: psychosocial adjustment and health-related quality of life in adolescents participating in a German family counselling service

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Re: 'Parental palliative cancer: psychosocial adjustment and health-related quality of life in adolescents participating in a German family counselling service'
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This is an important topic and one that is under investigated. Generally a good paper, however, there are some language issues which need addressing. I would also recommend checking by a statistician

Major compulsory revisions:
1) The question posed as expressed in the abstract is not clear. I think this is largely a language issue but it needs to be addressed before publication.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1) There are a number of typos and language issues which need to be corrected e.g. “expectably” middle page 2, last sentence of the background beginning with “above” doesn’t make much sense and second line of the limitations “counsellingid”.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare I have no competing interests