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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**Reviewer:** John Rosenberg

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Minor essential revision:

#1: An interesting and important study in its field; of particular interest is that the hypothesis was not supported and therefore that new information has been identified. However, the leap from the results of analysis to the conclusion that "...counselling services should offer supportive interventions in a safe and reassuring environment over the entire parental disease course..." should be stated less emphatically, or reconsidered, as this outcome is not mentioned until the Conclusion itself. This recommendation may be implied within the context of practice, but this is not an intervention that was actually tested in this study. The conclusions drawn should reflect more closely the phenomena under study.

**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 that I have no competing interests.