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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Thank you for highlighting the need for clarifications in our manuscript titled “Meanings of existential uncertainty and certainty for people diagnosed with cancer and receiving palliative treatment: a lifeworld phenomenological study”. We have considered your comments carefully and made the following amendments:

- **References 20, 21, 23 and 37**: These references are now included in the manuscript.

- **Details about in what way this study differs from the previous**: We have included a clarification about in what ways the study differs in the discussion section. The first 8 lines on the top of page 21 are added: “Thus, the present study contribute to and deepen the previous case study in the project about a person’s changing knowledge-seeking foci and related learning outcomes during the illness trajectory at the end-of-life [21] and the study of patients’ making sense of palliative treatment as a process of human learning at end of life, which was characterized by searching for knowledge and understanding combined with approaches taken as dialectic of living in wait and living in the present [20]. The contribution from the present study specifically highlights spheres of significance for the knowledge-seeking and sense-making processes and thereby possibilities for personal growth.”.

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**Lists of abbreviations**
No abbreviations have been used in this manuscript that requires clarification.

Sincerely,

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