Reviewer’s report

Title: Understanding the role of the volunteer in specialist palliative care: a systematic review and thematic analysis of qualitative studies

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Reviewer: Jos Schols

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This article is about a very relevant issue in palliative care. The article is well written and shows a good methodology.

No major flaws are present.

It not often occurs that I am so satisfied about an article that I donot have major recommendations to make changes.

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:

No competing interests.