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Subject: Submission of revisions to manuscript titled “Qualitative Inquiry: A Method for Validating Patient Perceptions of Palliative Care While Enrolled on a Cancer Clinical Trial”

Please accept our revisions of a qualitative analysis entitled “Qualitative Inquiry: A Method for Validating Patient Perceptions of Palliative Care While Enrolled on a Cancer Clinical Trial” as follows:

1. Please update the Methods section and confirm if it was written informed patient consent was obtained.

   The following was added on line 121:
   All participants provided written informed consent.

2. Please include all the authors email address on the title page.

   Emails for all authors have been added on the title page.

3. Please add the TRN at the end of the Abstract as detailed on the BMC Website.

   The study registration numbers for NIH and University of Pennsylvania have been added at the end of the abstract on lines 69 and 70:
   Trial Registration: NIH Office of Human Subjects Research Protection OHSRP5443 and University of Pennsylvania 813365

4. Please see links below for further guidance regarding the format

   We have formatted the paper according to the guidelines on the website.

Sincerely,

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