Author’s response to reviews

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Comments on reviews „Characteristics of a palliative care consultation service with focus on pain in a German university hospital”:

Dear Editors,
we are grateful for the constructive comments and processed them accordingly. We now hope to meet the requirements of BMC Palliative Care.
With best regards
(for all authors)

Joachim Erlenwein

- Referee Kenneth D Miller:
  
  • the two cited sentences were rephrased - see line 139 and lines 276 to 278
  • the proposed comments for the conclusion that describe the multidisciplinary care were included – see lines 290 to 2897

- Referee Stefan Wirz
  
  • All patients seen by the PCCS were included, regardless of type or severity of their symptoms or palliative status. This aspect was added when we discussed the limitations of our survey – see lines 266-269.
  • Adverse effects were not classified. We only reported the activities of the PCCS and did not collect outcome data. If "adverse effects" were a part of the indication for the consultation, they were not specified. This aspect was added to the limitations – see lines 260-263.
  • We corrected the spelling of tilidine and piritramide in the Results section – see line 82.

- Referee Parag Bharadwaj
  
  • see general comments

General comments:
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