Reviewer's report

Title: Care Planning Needs of Palliative Home Care Clients Based on the interRAI Palliative Care (interRAI PC) Assessment Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPs)

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This article presents the interRAI PC CAP development process and provide an overview of the person and collective distributional properties of the eight interRAI PC CAPs. While the insights from the study are useful, there remain two points that must be clarified.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. How estimated life expectancy (in line 222-224)

2. Is there any correlation between actual survival period and each CAP. The authors revealed the prevalence of some CAP are increased as the estimated prognosis was shorter. But, there would be some relation between CAP and estimated prognosis. Therefore it would be useful to investigate the correlation actual survival period and each CAP.

3. In "Discussion" section, there are much detail of result. It could be shorten and simplified to focus on the discussion.

4. In line 433-435, the author noted "Patterns in CAP triggering suggest increased attention should be given to address the increasingly complex needs of vulnerable populations such as older adults and persons with a limited prognosis". But, in this study, the author assess the estimated prognosis, not the actual survival time. Therefore, it is inconsequential to associate patterns in CAP triggering with a limited prognosis.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests