Reviewer's report

Title: Assessment of knowledge, attitude and practice and associated factors towards palliative care among nurses working in selected hospitals, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Reviewer: Martin Weber

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First of all the authors have to be commended to have undertaken this research in a country where Palliative Care is in its very beginning, as the authors describe in their introduction. Publication of such work should be strongly encouraged. However the submitted manuscript has to be revised thoroughly until it can be considered for publication.

Major compulsory revisions relate to:

1. Grammar, Spelling, Wording (beginning with the title!) need a thorough revision. What is meant by a “knowledge aspect of practice” (Abstract). What are “risk factors associated with PC”? (Page 4, last paragraph, last sentence)

Language revision by a native speaker is strongly advised.

2. Methods: Please give more details on the original versions of the instruments used and the way how these were translated and adapted (for example, the original version of the FATCOD comprises 30 items, compared with 24 items used in your research)

3. Results:
   • Sociodemographic factors: Please explain the difference between the two levels of education (diploma an degree). In the materials section you explain that there are 80 nationalities speaking 80 languages and belonging to different religious communities in Addis baba. What can be said in this respect about the participating nurses?
   • Don’t repeat figures already given in the tables again in the text. Focus on relevant results.

4. Discussion:

Needs to be shortened considerably. Don’t repeat the figures already given in the results section. Please concentrate on culturally interesting findings. A good example is given by Iranmanesh S, Dargahi H, Abbaszadeh A. Attitudes of Iranian nurses toward caring for dying patients.Palliat Support Care. 2008 Dec;6(4):363-9, who used the FATCOD as well. The way of reporting data from other studies has to be revised with help of a native speaker. Please discuss limitations of your work as well.
5. References
Reference 3: complete citation (pages are missing)

6. Tables
Table 3 – what do the different columns (SD, D, U, A SA) stand for?
Table 4 appears three times.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**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'