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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Minor essential revisions

The text in my view still contains a large number of grammar errors. However, as a non native speaker, I leave this matter to the editor. I know understand, what is meant by “knowledge aspect of practice”, however the expression still seems strange to me. I leave this matter to the editor.

As proposed by one reviewer, the explanation on services in Addis Ababa (formerly in the first paragraph of “Material and Methods”) should have been moved to the last section of the background instead of being deleted. These informations are important to understand the current situation in Addis Ababa.

It should be noted, that the tools were not translated but given to the study subjects in English. I still miss an explanation which of the originally 30 items of the FATCOD were omitted.

Concerning operational definition: what about scores between 50 and 59% in the FATCOD – Scale ?

Difference between diploma and degree: The explanation given by the authors should be incorpated as legend to table 1.

Belonging to a specific religious community could strongly influence the attitude towards Palliative Care. If this sociodemographic item was not assessed, this should be noted in the methods section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'