Reviewer's report

Title: Corticosteroid prescribing in palliative care settings: a retrospective analysis in New Zealand

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Reviewer: mark boughey

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This has been a well written and well researched paper. It is of interest to the palliative care field and springboards the ongoing discussion for critical review of corticosteroid prescribing and guidance for use in the sector.

In its current form, I believe that it is at a level and standard to be published. I believe that the authors have appropriately addressed the question posed and has provided sound use of data and its analysis with appropriate follow up discussion and conclusions. Limitations to the work are discussed. The style, format and referencing are fine. There is no particular need for any discretionary revisions from my point of view

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests