Reviewer's report

Title: Assessing performance status in palliative care: a version of the Karnofsky Performance Status scale for the twenty-first century

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General
The article is of interest, and in my opinion it could be published in the form purposed by the authors. The argument treated by the authors needs probably further investigations, and alternative Performance Status criteria of assessment for palliative care setting are probably needed. I hope that in the next future further instruments to assess performance status in palliative care will be validated for the use in clinical practice, and further experiences in this setting will be published in literature.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
NONE

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
NONE

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
NONE

What next?: Accept without revision

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I declare that I have no competing interests