Reviewer's report

Title: Caregivers' active role in palliative home care - to encourage or to dissuade? A qualitative descriptive study

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Major
The conclusion of this paper, "The results from this study show that there seems to be a positive impact on bereavement associated with spouses having been able to do something and that they have been able to fulfil the wishes of their loved one" is still overly concluded from scientific point of view. The main result of this study was identification of four main categories (Degree of involvement, Positive and Negative impact and Prerequisites) and there were no outcome variables. The authors should claim the implication of the getting these four categories on the issues in recent literatures and should not claim any recommendation for clinical practice based on the study's results as conclusion.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.