Reviewer’s report

Title: Bereavement help-seeking following an 'expected' death: a cross-sectional randomised population survey.

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Reviewer: Kyriaki Mystakidou

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Dear sirs,

the topic is really unique and very interesting, however I would like to specify some issues such as the following.

I think that methods should be rewritten again as it is too complicated. It needs some more information regarding the recruitment of the participants as well as exclusion and inclusion criteria. How representative is the sample?

Then, the 14 questions are part of the questionnaire or not? Is it a valid one? You should specify this. What about the results from the pilot study?

Pre-existing or simultaneous psychopathology is very essential especially in your study regarding bereavement for the validity of your results or to draw conclusions.

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'