Reviewer’s report

Title: A Comparative Analysis of Computer Based Hospice Palliative Care Datasets in Canada

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Reviewer: Grace Johnston

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No revisions needed. Paper is ready for publication.

Very important to publish this paper so that this report can be accessed by persons building and comparing palliative care program data.

Paper provides an excellent baseline analysis for working toward a common minimum dataset (MDS) for hospice palliative care programs.

Paper clearly identifies that a theoretical framework based on reporting on client/patient needs and outcome measures of palliative care is essential as a next step in MDS development.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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