Reviewer's report

Title: The use of opioids at the end of life: a survey of experienced barriers in pain management and knowledge level of physicians

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Major Compulsory Revisions
It is not clear what the authors mean by "barriers to good pain management according to physicians" and how they measured these barriers. There is no information on “barriers” as such issue in the results. Therefore not all the conclusions seem to be supported adequately.

Discretionary Revisions
I would suggest presenting the main message of this manuscript in a more focused way, e.g., the authors could focus on knowledge in the area and education needs, as the main themes, and leave out experience, barriers issues (or present these later issues as supporting ones for the main themes)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.