Reviewer's report

Title: End-of-life care in a COPD patient awaiting lung transplantation: a case report

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This is an interesting case report that portrays the journey of a COPD patient who was waiting for lung transplantation. It describes beautifully life in the end-stage of COPD. Despite, intensive care and rehabilitation the patient died while waiting for lung transplantation.

Major points
1. There is no clear description the rational behind why the patient was admitted to the nursing home. Was it to get a nursing care or palliative care or social care?
2. The history of the patient requires more information in terms of Pa Co2 and the duration and dosage of oxygen therapy she was receiving when the patient was considered for lung transplantation.
3. The life expectancy for a patient with FEV1 < 15% of predicted values (life expectancy? 2 years) necessitate the patient to be in the high priority list in 2005. Why this has not been done for this patient?
4. I wonder whether the authors able to explain the reasons behind why other forms of surgical procedures were not considered for this patient.
5. How long was the patient-centred management programme?
6. How was anxiety measured for this patient? Was the patient suffering clinically anxiety or anxiety symptoms? “She was treated by the psychosocial team”. What kind of treatment do they provide?
7. In September 2008 when the patient was housebound and receiving high dosages of corticosteroids and the morphine level was increased to 40 mg. I wonder why the team did not consider referring the patient for the palliative care treatment.
8. There is confusion between the ‘curative-restorative care’ and ‘palliative care’. The potential benefits (advantages and disadvantages) providing both cares simultaneously for this patient should be explained in the text.
9. The manuscript requires rigorous editing for grammatical and syntax errors and repetitions to improve the message of the paper
10. It would be helpful to state the main key findings of this case report.

Minor points
1. Clarify the points you are referring to spiritual symptoms.
**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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.