Reviewer's report

Title: Understanding primary care-oncology relationships within a changing healthcare environment

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This manuscript aims to describe existing relationships between primary care and oncology settings, examine the impact of these relationships on transitions into and out of cancer care, and identify attributes contributing to strengthened primary care-oncology interfaces in diverse settings.

This is a well-written manuscript that provides a useful contribution to the field. I do however, feel that this paper could be strengthened with some minor revisions as follows:

* Part of the aim was to "examine the impact of these relationships on transitions into and out of cancer care". Whilst this would have been great, this study did not lend itself to addressing this aim, because this would require a much more detailed analysis of the actual patient transitions into and out of care. I recommend rewording this part of the aim or removing it.

* Given that this is a secondary analysis of data from another study, it is acceptable that the authors have not over-stated the significance of these findings. However, it would be useful to suggest potential recommendations for research and system/practice design. For instance, how to foster rapport and team-building and how to initiate similar programs in either formal or informal settings.

* Pg 6, Line 6: Please revise "Three case studies (two system-based; one independent) characterize these formal primary care-oncology relationships" to "Three case studies (two system-based; one independent) described below characterize…."

* Pg 3 Line 20 - extra "s" after "when"

* Pg 6 Line 27 - Please check formatting to ensure that paragraph alignment is consistent.
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