Reviewer’s report

Title: Early and late signs that precede dying among older persons in nursing homes: The multidisciplinary team's perspective

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This is an interesting paper on dying among older persons in nursing homes, which is an important subject that has clear implication in clinical practice. This study focuses an important research area, which are scarcely researched.

However, I think it would benefit some revisions before publication.

My main concern is the focus on gerotranscendence in the Discussion. This is not really shown in the Findings, please see for example pg 18 row 44. It had also been interesting to read longer excerpts from the interviews since it were focus groups, for example the excerpt on pg 11 doesn't really say anything. I recommend the authors to revise the quotations and perhaps fewer, but rather the ones that is showing the interaction between the participants.

I actually think that the representation of different professions might be a limitation. The only profession that is present/working at the nursing home, at all time, is the assistant nurse - not the OT's etc, even though the assistant nurse is the least educated. For example the social worker has not the same experience of /possibility to describe dying in a nursing home. In addition, the physician is missing in the focus group.

I recommend that the paper needs proof reading for English. I'm not fluent in English, but my impression is that the paper has a "Swedish tone"

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