Reviewer’s report

Title: Advance care planning in Norwegian nursing homes – limited awareness of the residents’ preferences and values? A qualitative study

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This is an interesting small qualitative study of 20 staff members of a selected group of nursing homes, where some form of ACP is already performed in Norway (please ad timeframe of the data collection). The findings are relevant, the discussion is appropraite and well documented.

Minor remarks:

The setting should indicate the low grade of institutionalisation (30,000 in 5,3 million inhabitans) and some idea of the percentage of 65+ (or 67+ a, 80+ in norway). Not only mean but also IQR of age, and gender distribution should be given. Where the populations of the selected nursing home similar in sex and age to the general populasion of residents. Explain whether the physicians in norvegian NH are traveling Geriatrics, nursing home doctors, or local GPs, familiar with the resident before institutionalisation. If so, how many attending GPs per nursing home.

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