**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide in patients suffering from psychiatric disorders: A cross-sectional study exploring the experiences of Dutch psychiatrists.

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**Reviewer:** Steve Pearce

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This is a useful paper. Apart from a number of non standard uses of English which can be a little confusing (requires proofing), there are a number of more serious examples where the meaning requires clarification.

P54 presumably refers to psychiatric disorder as a reason for granting EAS.

P105 it is unclear if 'no experience with EAS' means they received no requests, or turned all requests down due to lack of familiarity with the process/law

P112 'performed EAS' seems inappropriate

Other points:

P115 it is unclear how the estimate of 1100 was reached; authors should show their working

P122 and p208: 'somatic….diagnosis'; meaning physical diagnosis rather than somatiform symptoms? Does this include or exclude functional somatic syndromes such as fibromyalgia?

P133 'for unknown reasons' - unknown to whom? Did they decline to state a reason, or was the reason unknown due to some other cause?

Pp161-163 and 165-168: totals do not add up to 48 and 100%. They should to be explicit about all categories.

P175: the reasons given in the list of 'personal objections' are not personal objections, this list should be relabelled.

With these caveats the paper is a competent report of an important survey, and the discussion on p11 provides a useful commentary on the reasons for the high percentage of requests for EAS in psychiatric patients that are turned down.

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