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: Pablo Requena Meana

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I commend the authors on the work put into revising their paper. They have addressed most of the issues raised in the previous review. I have a few remaining queries and/or observations.

1. Lines 130-133 states: One-fourth of the psychiatrists had received at least one explicit EAS request in the previous 12 months and three percent of them had actually performed EAS in the previous 12 months. Is the author's estimate of requests for EAS based on this figure? If I understand the argument of the authors correctly, if 25% received a request and using the authors' weight factor of 12.4, then the estimated incidence should be 0.25 x 207 x 12.4 = 641.7 and the estimated number of granted requests would be 0.03 x 207 x 12.4 = 77.0. If however, the estimate is based on the '112 who received a request for EAS' (line 136), then I assume the incidence would be simply 112 x 12.4 = 1388.3. However it appears that this last figure of 112 is for requests received over the whole career and not just the previous 12 months (see line 127). Is this assumption correct? Further, as neither of these estimates of incidence approaches that reported by the authors, there may be some figure which is not included in the results - i.e. the actual number of unique patients who requested EAS in the preceding 12 months.

2. I would move lines 103-105 to the discussion.

3. Lines 109-111: I would clarify by adding the time period 'in the previous 12 months': The number of unique patients requesting EAS and number of unique patients receiving EAS in the previous 12 months as reported by the participating psychiatrists.

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