Author's response to reviews

Title: Strategies to implement evidence into practice to improve palliative care: recommendations of a nominal group approach with expert opinion leaders

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Dear Executive Editor, Dear Dr. Mockridge,

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We would like to thank the reviewer for his thorough review and useful feedback. We appreciate the opportunity to resubmit this manuscript for publication in BMC Palliative Care. Please find a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comment below.

**Reviewer**

1 “Data resulting from the nominal group technique were analysed using both a quantitative and a qualitative approach.” I am still confused with the addition of a “quantitative analysis” with no quantitative results published in the results section. Seems like the ranking helped with the qualitative analysis and there was no quantitative analysis actually done. Were there cut off used to objectively identify the top themes or something else that I’m missing here? If not, I would delete the word quantitative from the manuscript and just say they were ranked which helped in identifying top themes.

We have changed the manuscript according to the suggestion made by the reviewer.

We sincerely hope that our changes are satisfactory.

If you need further details on the IMPACT project or the currently submitted paper, please do not hesitate to contact Jasper van Riet Paap.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Also on behalf of the other authors,

Your sincerely,

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