Reviewer’s report

Title: UK quality statements on end of life care in dementia: a systematic review of research evidence

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Reviewer: Claudia Bausewein

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Thank you for asking me to review this interesting paper which aims to identify and examine evidence underpinning the UK quality statements designed to help drive improvements in care for the growing number of people dying with dementia.

This review is well conducted and presented following standard review methods and will be interesting for the readers of BMC Palliative Care. Before publication, I would suggest only some minor revisions mainly relating to the abstract.

Abstract:

Aims: current international research evidence on what. Would be helpful to be more specific

Methods: What is meant by evaluative studies? Would be better to name the study design, e.g. RCT, CCT, case control, cohort studies etc. What tool was used for quality assessment of studies? Please name databases that were searched and search strategy.

Results

Page 17, 1st and 2nd line: this sentence sounds a bit like interpretation of the results and should be better moved to the discussion.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'