Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of a hospice rapid response service on preferred place of death, and costs: a stepped wedge randomised trial

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Reviewer: Mona Kanaan

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I thank the authors for addressing my previous comments.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. There seems to be a problem with the citation manager as citations seem to follow commas and periods instead of appearing before them.
2. L:479 use Odds Ratio (OR) instead of Exp(B)
3. L:299 insert "with" before "lower"

Discretionary Revisions

4. Lines 146/147 you mention that you have imputed missing values with means, it is usually advisable to use more sophisticated methods for imputing missing values such as multiple imputations

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'